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A FROSTY VEIL

"By The Breath Of God Ice Is Formed And Waters Are Congealed"

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Stonehenge Temple Observatory and Almanac Circle

IN GREAT BRITAIN there are hundreds of ancient structural devices in existence for use in indicating the principal points of the two recognized forms of the solar year. The best-known monument of this nature is that of the Stonehenge Circle on Salisbury Plain. This consists of the arrangement of upright stones and lintels contained within an earth circle. Stonehenge alignments define the points of the Solar Astronomical and Solar Vegetation Years.

SPEAKING of the power of God and his unsearchable wisdom in his remarks to Job, Elihu declared that out of the south the whirlwind comes and cold from the north. Then he observed that the breath of God causes the ice to form and the waters to congeal or become hard (Job 37: 9-10). Moses recounted the great miracle of deliverance when Israel's exodus from Egypt took place: "And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea" (Ex. 15: 8).

The breath of God froze the sea and the hosts of Israel, with their families and their cattle, passed over on dry (not on dry ground—for the word "ground" has been added to the text by the translators—but on *dry*; that is, upon water that had ceased to be wet, having become dry because it was frozen). The foe pursued and also began to cross on the hardened surface of the ice of the sea. Then Moses declared: "Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters" (Ex. 15: 10).

In order to sink they had to be on top and this was what happened when they went out on the ice. It began to give way under the weight of the hosts of the Egyptians and their chariots as a warm wind from the south softened the surface of the frozen sea. The breath of God destroyed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea when the ice returned to water again and the chariots of Pharaoh sank as lead in the midst of the mighty waters.

Turning to Isaiah the Prophet, we are given a startling description of the coming glorious triumph of the Lord over all his foes, bringing deliverance to His people. This deliverance will eclipse the miracle He wrought at the time of the Exodus. In the Day of the Lord, during a time of great slaughter when the towers shall fall and all defenses become useless, the prophet declares: "The light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound" (Isa. 30: 26). The prophet goes on to say that the Lord will come in blazing anger:

"Look! The power of the Lord comes from far!

Hot wrath and rage loading His lips,
And His tongue like devouring fire,
And His breath like a rising-flood
reaching the neck,
To scatter the heathen with withering storm,
And a bridle to put in the jaw of the Pagan!"

(Isa. 30: 27-28, Ferrar Fenton Trans.)

The Breath of God



Thus will God deliver His people in the day of His power, just as He delivered them at the time of the Exodus. Following the overthrow of the Egyptians who perished in the midst of the sea, "Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea" (Ex. 15: 1).

The breath of God destroyed the Egyptians and His breath is to again bring about the destruction of all His enemies and the enemies of His Kingdom, but this time in a holocaust of tempest and storm when the present age comes to its close. Like Moses, who prompted the people to sing when their deliverance was accomplished, Isaiah foretells that His people shall sing in the triumphant day of the Lord: "Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come unto the mountain of the Lord, to the mighty One of Israel. And the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his

anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones" (Isa. 30: 29-30).

In this era of atomic and hydrogen bombs, our one hope lies in the assurance of Divine protection as God moves to destroy those who have plotted the destruction of His Kingdom. The coming deliverance of His people will be far greater than that which was accomplished at the time of the Exodus. Once again we are admonished: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. . . . The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace" (Ex. 14: 13-14). The ancient result was: "The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord." Through Ezekiel these identical words are used when the final enemy is destroyed: "The heathen shall know that I am the Lord." Moses' words will be repeated in fervent acknowledgment of His great salvation in that day: "Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! And thine enemies shall be found liars upon thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places" (Deut. 33: 29).

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AS YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. That the ten-tribed Kingdom, or House, of Israel is distinct and separate from Jewry is a recognized fact. The *Jewish Chronicle* for May 2, 1879 stated, "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them."

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the divinely-guided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeyed toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in these latter times.

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if this people are the lineal descendants of the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel — and they are — there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenant, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right, then there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of

appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are valid. It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they too have a tremendous personal responsibility. When it is universally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in whole-hearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedience to His laws, will discover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this fact (Jer. 31:35-36). The *Jewish Chronicle* says, "Find this people" and DESTINY points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the proph-

ecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

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The March of History...

Second Woe Is Passing IN "Revealing the Red Menace," DESTINY for December 1952, the beginning of the third hour of the Third Watch of the night (Roman Watch) August 1, 1952 was shown as signalling the ending of the Second Woe. It was a signal of its ending, not the ending itself, and therefore events began at that time which would culminate in bringing this woe to its end. It was stated:

"World War II brought to an end the political and military might of the Babylonian Succession of Empires and laid the groundwork for the expansion of Soviet Russia, whose final irruption is to precipitate the events of the Third, or Red, Woe. Although the rise of Communism has been a gradual but phenomenal growth during the past two decades, the Third Woe itself could not break in its full fury until the Second Woe had ended. Yet the Second Woe could not end until the events depicted by John as taking place under this woe had transpired.

"An interesting event took place at the beginning of the Third Hour of the Third Watch of the night which acted as a signal that the ending of the Second Woe is near. This Third Hour period began August 1, 1952 and with its beginning the crisis in Egypt came to a head with the abdication of King Farouk. Thereafter the titles of Bey and Pasha ceased to be used. In DESTINY for September 1952 (p. 294), a letter from Mr. J. Bernard Nicklin of Evesham, England, was quoted in which mention was made of the following item which appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, commenting on the abdication of King Farouk:

"It may be fairly said the last relic of the Ottoman Empire has disappeared. It is one with Nineveh and Tyre."

"To the watchers this was an important alert, for the next event immediately preceding the ending of the Second Woe is now on the agenda for fulfillment."

In *Study in Daniel* * the following explanation is given:

"The Mohammedan religion is called Islam, an Arab word meaning submission, from *salama*, 'to be free.' Mohammed always offered peace, either on terms of accepting the teachings of Mohammed or by paying tribute. In the meaning of Islam, to be free is peace. This fact sheds additional light on the passage, 'And by peace shall destroy many,' which could be read, in view of the above, 'And by Islam shall destroy many.' The alternate offered to all nations by the conquering Mohammedans was *Islam* (submission and peace) or *death*." (Page 211.)

The First Woe began with the rise of the Saracens and the Second Woe with the rise of the Ottoman Empire. This Second Woe extended from 1299 A.D. to include the

history of modern Turkey. As stated in *Study in Revelation*: **

"Othman had established himself as chief in the north of Asia Minor. He invaded Nicomedia and founded the Ottoman Empire in 1299 A.D. By 1353 A.D. the Ottomans were established in Europe. . . . The city of Constantinople was besieged and captured in 1453 A.D. This ended the Greek Empire when this eastern seat of Imperial Rome was taken by the Ottomans." (Page 94.)

In the religious fanaticism of Islam, which brought about both the First and Second Woes, we have a clue to the nature of the Third Woe. Communism is as much a spiritual force as Islam was and this very fact accounts for the successful results of the propagation of this evil doctrine. In "Month by Month" in this issue, A. R. H. confirms this by quoting Professor Arnold Toynbee as stating:

"For the first time in the modern Western World's history — since the close of the 17th century when the flow of western converts to Islam ceased — the West has again found itself threatened with spiritual disintegration from inside as well as with an assault from outside."

Today a spiritual force akin to Islam is on the march against Christianity which has fallen away from the great truths taught by the early Church fathers:

"Communism, basically, as practiced under the guidance of the Soviet ideology of government, is atheistic and hence anti-God and anti-Christ. Modernism, with its spiritual apostasy, has prepared the soil in the Israel [Anglo-Saxon] lands in which the seed of Communism can readily grow." (*Documentary Studies*, Vol. I, p. 215.)

It was because of a similar falling away in the past, with the establishment of images and idolatrous worship in the churches, that God permitted the First and Second Woes to become scourges upon Christendom. But in spite of the ravages committed by the Moslems, John in Revelation declared:

"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." (Rev. 9: 20-21.)

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Thus, in spite of the continued inroads made by the fanatical followers of Mohammed, an apostate Church in a worldly Christendom continued on in unbelief. Today a great apostasy has settled down on Christendom and we are witnessing the Communist menace preparing to fulfill all the requirements leading to the events of the Third Woe. As stated in *Documentary Studies*, Vol. I:

"The first two Woes were scourges upon an apostate Christendom and the Third Woe will be no exception. This Third or Red Woe is to be used of God to chastise a modern apostate Church which denies Him and His Son, for modernism has destroyed the power and ability of the Spirit to reach unregenerated men. . . . The first two Woes depicted military moves against Christendom and the Third Woe will follow the same pattern as Soviet Russia moves to supplant Christianity in all lands which she can bring under her control, making war against Anglo-Saxon-Israel for the purpose of destroying the last citadel of Christian strength. Already the shadow of this Third Woe is darkening many lands although the potentiality for evil in a victory for Soviet arms is far from being fully realized by Anglo-Saxondom." (Page 214.)

This was first published in *DESTINY* for September 1945 and since that year much has transpired in confirmation of the forecast. Turning to the chart, "Chronological Chronograph" (this issue), it will be seen that the ancient Israel Morning Watch began at 2 A.M. This time in the morning defines the year of the Pearl Harbor attack (1941) and the beginning of the third hour of the Third Watch in the "Day of the Lord" (August 1, 1952), as well as the same hour in "That Great Day" (April 14, 1953). These dates synchronize on all three scales.

There is a question of special interest that now comes to mind. Since an alert was sounded for those who are wise with the events that transpired with the beginning of the Morning Watch on August 1, 1952, will a further and more definite signal mark April 14, 1953, which synchronizes with this date? The events of the past few years have established beyond question that the Third Woe is the Red Woe. This makes it imperative for all who are now watching to continue steadfast in their alertness during the days ahead. The need for this cannot be too strongly stressed, for we are indeed living in momentous times.

Flying Swiftly IN THE *New York Times* for October 21, 1951 reference was made to a puzzling eclipse of the bright star *Deneb* in the constellation of *Cygnus*, the Swan. Actually this is a double star, with one star moving around the other, completing the circuit in ten years. Thus, these two stars eclipse each other once every ten years. The present eclipse began early in August of 1951, sooner than expected. At the time the above-mentioned news item was published, the star had not completed the eclipse, and it was long beyond the time for that eclipse to have lasted. The astronomers were puzzled and unable to explain the star's behavior and why one remained so long behind the other. This had the effect of focusing attention upon this constellation.

Cygnus is again in the news today, but this time because it is one of the two or three most intense "hot spots" in the northern heavens. It seems from astronomical reports that a stupendous "crash" is in progress as two island galaxies, both comparable in size to the Milky Way system, with its

100,000,000,000 or more stars, are crashing head-on at a speed of thousands of miles a second.

The light from these two galaxies require several million years to reach the earth, but the force of this clash is being felt in our Milky Way. The new science of radio astronomy has made this knowledge known and the results are revealed in what astronomers call "hot spots" in the Milky Way system. Astronomers at Mount Wilson Observatory have observed that two galaxies appear to be merging at approximately the focus of the angle from which intense radio signals emanate. The assumption is that the crash has already been in progress for some time.

It is stated that such a crash is extremely rare, for observation shows all other galaxies are moving away from each other at tremendous speeds. What makes this of interest to Bible students is that the constellation, the Swan, in the Denderah Zodiac was called *Tes-Ark* which means *this from far*. This constellation is depicted as a bird flying swiftly in midheaven in its return to earth.

The name of the double bright star is *Deneb*, which is 5,000 times more luminous than the sun, and its name means *the judge*. This star is also called *Adige*, which means *flying swiftly*. As pointed out in *The Stars Declare God's Handiwork*,* this constellation is associated with Him who is coming as Judge of all the earth. *Sadar* is the Hebrew name of another star in this constellation and it means *who returns as in a circle*. There are two stars in the tail: *Azel* means *who goes and returns quickly* and *Fafage* means *gloriously shining forth*.** When He returns He is to shine forth gloriously as stated by Luke:

"Just as when the lightning flashes, it shines from one end of the sky to the other, that will be the way with the Son of Man." (Luke 17: 24, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

The timing when attention is being focused upon this constellation in this manner is perfect, for all chronological evidence clearly indicates that we are approaching a climax that will not only affect men and nations, but the earth and heavens as well. Accompanying events testify to the certainty that the Swift Return is now at hand.

Which Translation? WE HAVE received many requests for advice about the type of Bible one should purchase for his own personal use. Should one of the new translations be bought or should one continue to use only the King James Version? Actually there is no better Bible for home reading than the Authorized King James translation. If a person can have but one Bible, by all means let it be the King James Version of the Scriptures. The beauty of its language will always be a source of inspiration and comfort to those who reverence His Word and enjoy reading it.

In view of the comments upon the Scriptures which are currently being made as the result of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, many of which tend to create confusion, this plain statement of fact will be of value to those who deplore the tendency to question the veracity of God's Written Word. *There is no error in the*

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Divine revelation as given in the Scriptures. However, apparent discrepancies do occur through the endeavor to express the original thoughts in another language. This must be taken into consideration when studying the Bible because many so-called "errors" are often in reality only the differing conclusions of various scholars working with perhaps one word or a phrase which can have many renderings in the English language. It simply confirms the dictum that we need to do more than read the Bible; we must *search the Scriptures*.

What, then, of other translations? Let us treat them as we would a concordance and use them for the purpose of comparing renderings of verses of Scripture in order to arrive at a fuller understanding of the meaning of obscure passages. Such comparisons help to eliminate what might otherwise appear to be contradictions when one translation alone is used. To illustrate: the King James version translates the following two versions in a way which makes them seem to contradict each other:

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." (Gal. 6: 2.)

"For every man shall bear his own burden." (Gal. 6: 5.)

In verse 2 the Greek word *havos* is translated "burden," while in verse 5 it is the Greek word *phortion* that is translated "burden." The first means "a weight" and the second "a load to be borne." In its translation of these two verses, the Newberry Bible shows that *havos*, translated "burden," actually refers to infirmities, while *phortion*, also translated "burden," has reference to one's responsibilities. Both are burdens, but while we can help bear one another's infirmities, every man must bear his own responsibilities.

It is with the object in view of helping DESTINY readers to a better understanding of the text of the Scriptures that various translations of the Bible are quoted and to that end we use in our research work as many versions as possible. But we by no means discard the King James Version. In fact, when we want to have a genuine awareness of the spirit of the story the Bible tells and forget the cares and troubles of life as we meditate on His Word, it is the King James Version of the Bible to which we turn and from which we read. There may be many translations of the Scriptures, but there is only one the reading of which quickly stirs within one's heart a sense of the nearness of the presence of the Spirit of God, with its use of the simple, intimate "thee" and "thou" and the reassuring finality of its "thus saith the Lord."

Sunday Sports THE ANSWERS given by ten people who were queried by the "Inquiring Reporter" of a local paper as to how they felt about Sunday football are interesting and enlightening, but there is an extremely disturbing aspect as well. The direct question was: "How do you feel about the question of Sunday football?" Of the ten men and women interviewed, nine expressed themselves as in favor of it. The one exception was not opposed on religious grounds, but because Sunday sports might interfere with "family gatherings."

The disturbing aspect was reflected in such observations as these: "I can't see any moral issue involved." "I can see no harm in high school football teams playing on Sunday." "I never could see anything wrong with it."

"I'm in favor of it. You get bigger crowds at Sunday games. Bigger crowds mean bigger money." "I go for it. Objections to Sunday football are a lot of hokum." "It's the only way you can enjoy yourself on Sunday without going to a barroom." And we wager that the question put to any other cross section of the people throughout the land would have received a similar response.

Not one of those who were interviewed by the reporter recognized the duty to keep the commandment of God: "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." That one day in seven should be set apart as holy unto Him, and that the day should not be used for personal gain or pleasure were considerations to which they apparently gave no thought. The answers reflect no sense of obligation whatever to God concerning His Day.

In the days of our forefathers, when the working week was six days long and the hours of labor often from sunrise to sunset, the Lord's Day was scrupulously observed. It would never have entered their minds to complain that the day set apart for worship must be used for pleasure on the grounds that they had no time during the week for recreation.

It was during those early Sundays in the life of this nation that the family became acquainted with the message of the Bible and the children grew up in a knowledge of its prohibitions and instructions. This resulted in past generations being trained in high standards of citizenship, the foundation of which rested upon a reverence for God and a knowledge of the righteousness of His laws. When the family gathered for meals, grace was said and each home had its family altar where every member knelt in prayer asking God to bless the household, protect the nation and give wisdom to those in authority and charged with the responsibility of directing the affairs of state. Unfortunately for the welfare and future happiness of our people, all this is largely a thing of the past.

Instead of fearing God and keeping His commandments, men and women today ignore His Word and refuse to be constrained by any of its injunctions. The results are manifested daily. Instead of children obedient to their parents, the majority are unruly, arrogant and disrespectful, and many are classed among juvenile delinquents. All of this is because of the lack of spiritual training in the home. Yet how can those who are themselves ungodly properly train the younger generation?

Apart from the general attitude toward the Lord's Sabbaths, as it affects individuals, what of its effect upon our national prosperity? Actually even the peace we desire and the hope that our enemies will be speedily defeated are predicated upon the keeping of all His laws. Moses declared:

"Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid." (Lev. 26: 2-6.)

Today, as a nation, we have departed from observing God's laws and our enemies are not being defeated, nor is peace coming to our land. Thousands of our young men

are being sent to foreign battlefields, where it is the lot of many to suffer and die. Fear also has come among us as the possibility of total destruction by atomic and hydrogen bombs is contemplated. All of this is fulfilling the forecast:

"But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; and if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you." (Lev. 26: 14-17.)

In our inordinate desire to gratify our personal wishes and pleasures, even at the expense of violating the Law of the Lord, we have elected to follow a course that can have no other ending than a disastrous one for both individuals and the nation because we have forsaken the way of the Lord. Moses warned:

"The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me." (Deut. 28: 20.)

Words could not be plainer. Also, the nation itself is to experience drought:

"And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed." (Deut. 28: 23-24.)

Already the evidence of the fulfillment of this is before us in the reports of drought conditions throughout the south, on the Pacific coast and in New England. Nevertheless, in spite of all this, as a nation we are failing to recognize that in ignoring the commandments of God we are ourselves responsible for the increase in the pressure of adversity.

Moses further declared that, if we fail to give heed to His commandments, "The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies" (Deut. 28: 25). Read the weekly casualty lists of how our young men are being smitten before the enemy in Korea in a conflict they are not allowed to win. There has been nothing like it ever before in our history and this is only the beginning of sorrows until as a nation we turn from our evil ways and acknowledge the Lord, affirming our willingness to obey His laws.

How great must be the pressure of adversity before those who were interviewed by the "Inquiring Reporter" and hundreds of thousands throughout the land like them will reverse their present attitude and acknowledge the necessity to keep the commandments of the Lord? God is beginning to apply greater pressure and the question is, To what extent must it increase before an awakening will come and men will realize that it is not nonsense to reverence Him and keep holy the day He has set apart for His service? Now that the time has arrived when God is moving to complete the fulfillment of the words of His prophets in His Written Word — the Bible — it is imperative that the necessary spiritual preparation be made, for this will determine the type of role each one will play in the unfolding drama.

Tried and Found Wanting

IF EVER an organization was launched under favorable acclaim, with its success seemingly assured, this was true of the United Nations. From the inception of its organization at San Francisco every possible human effort was expended in order to make it prosper — with one exception. Had its members been of one accord, having a sincere desire for the establishment of genuine peace, they would have turned to Him for guidance who is the Prince of Peace. This they failed to do. God was completely ignored and the organization promptly degenerated into a front behind which the Soviet Union moved to further its plans for world conquest.

It has now been revealed that Communist infiltration into the UN organization has made the Soviet headquarters the center of spy activities in the United States. This makes it imperative that we act to purge the organization of disloyal individuals; otherwise, in case of war, we face serious sabotage on a scale never before dreamed possible within our borders. In his radio broadcast of November 16, 1952, Paul Harvey has succinctly stated the case, from which the following is quoted:

"They buried Abraham Feller today. Three days ago this employee of the United Nations, ghost writer for its Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, jumped from his apartment window twelve floors to his death. It is not for us to judge what made him jump, but Trygve Lie himself is trying to make something political out of this suicide, blaming it on what he calls the pressure of indiscriminate smears and exaggerated charges, thus seeking to discredit some very vital Senate and grand jury investigations of the UN. So somebody had better accept that challenge. I do not know anything about this specific case of Abraham Feller, but I am going to state certain truths concerning that big glass house on the East River and there is nothing either indiscriminate or exaggerated about these carefully-documented facts. If current investigations of this situation are pressed to a proper conclusion and others, for whatever reason, choose to check out by way of the window, I will leave it to you as to whether it's the investigation which is at fault.

"The FBI figures there are 30,000 Communists in the United States and a third of a million who will help them. Suppose one has infiltrated an aircraft union and is working on tonight's shift at the big plant which employs 40,000. All employees of this aircraft factory have been fingerprinted, but I know for a fact that those fingerprints have never been catalogued, culled or checked and that the FBI is not authorized to check them, even if the plant manager requested it. So Earl Browder's brother could be on the payroll unmolested.

"For months American scientists have been working on a problem of extra big plane takeoff thrusts without any extra weight. The discovery is costly but the final answer is so simple that this Commie can carry it out of the plant in his head or on a blueprint in his pocket. He can send it by mail or messenger to any UN employee of Poland, Czechoslovakia or Russia. This Communist may communicate with Moscow by secret code or can carry the blueprint in his pocket unmolested by customs from here to Moscow. One bad Czech recently had some stuff he wanted to send to Prague — United States electronics equipment, machines, technical publications. He filled dozens of big barrels and bags with this stuff. It was passed through customs unopened as part of a diplomat's baggage immune even to examination and so was delivered in Communist Czechoslovakia intact. So the top secret of our extra takeoff thrusts carefully classified by the Pentagon is relayed to Russia through a ridiculously simple setup of an almost foolproof spy system which we have here established for them. We even guarantee to protect

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The Three Multitudes

IN THE second book of Esdras, chapter 13, the prophet records a vision that was granted to him, together with its interpretation, concerning the time of the end — when “he whom God the Highest hath kept a great season, which by his own self shall deliver his creature” (verse 26) — in which there is mention of *three multitudes*. The identification of these multitudes is important to the understanding of world events.

There is first the “innumerable multitude . . . gathered together . . . to overcome him by fighting” (verse 34); then there is the “peaceable multitude” which the Son calls unto Him when He comes to rebuke the wicked inventions of those hostile nations (verses 12, 37, 39); and finally there are “those that be with him which no man on earth can see, but in the day-time” (verse 52).

The vision, together with its interpretation, has to do with events which are to transpire at the return of Christ, in which these three multitudes are to be involved:

“The time shall be when these things shall come to pass, and the signs shall happen which I shewed thee before, and then shall my Son be declared, whom thou sawest as a man ascending.” (II Esdras 13: 32.)

They are the principal actors on the earth plane; the contending forces which will clash in the battle of That Great Day of God Almighty, when “the most High will begin to deliver them that are upon the earth.” It shall be the purpose of this study to identify them and to note the part each multitude is destined to play in that day when God shall settle His controversy with the nations according to Jeremiah 25: 31.

The First Multitude

First, then, there is the *aggressor multitude*. “A multitude of men, out of number . . . gathered to subdue the man that came out of the sea” [whose identification as the son of God is given in verses 25 and 26] or “an innumerable multitude, gathered together to overcome him by fighting” (verse 34). In order to identify this multitude, consideration must be given to the

time and purpose of this massed attack. According to the vision given to Esdras, it was to be at the end of the age when:

“He [the Son] shall come to the astonishment of them that dwell on the earth . . . and the time shall be when these things shall come to pass . . . then shall my Son be declared, whom thou sawest as a man ascending.” (II Esdras 13: 30, 32.)

As to the nature and purpose of the aggression, we learn from verse 49 that it is the gathering of a multitude of nations against God’s covenant people (His people that remain), which will necessitate the Son’s return in power for their defense, and the outpouring of supernatural powers — “And then shall he shew them great wonders.”

We have no difficulty in identifying this multitude with the foreseen confederacy spoken of in Psalm 83, and the attack upon God’s people Israel detailed in the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel. From that Psalm we learn that there is to be witnessed a confederacy of the ancient enemies of Israel who are there named, that would head up the attacks to which this God-appointed people have been continuously subjected, in one final and supreme effort to “cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.” Inspired with the same intent and treachery with which Amalek first attacked Israel on their coming out of Egypt, as recorded in Exodus 17: 8-16, they are destined to again come in massed force:

“For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones . . . they have consulted together with one consent . . . who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.” (Ps. 83: 2-12.)

That this confederacy of anti-God nations, hostile to Israel, is identical with the Rosh confederacy of the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel is clear from the Psalmist’s request for the intervention of God on behalf of His people in their foreseen time of distress, and the action of God for their

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deliverance as outlined by the prophet, (compare Psalm 83: 13-18 with Ezekiel 38: 22-23). The prayer for Israel’s protection closes with a request to God to destroy them with His tempest and storm, “that men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth.” This is exactly what God declares He will do to the combination of nations spoken of by Ezekiel:

“Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.” (Ez. 38: 23.)

Who are these nations whom the Psalmist declares hate God and have lifted up the head against him? They are those of whom the prophet prophesied that they would come against Israel with the purpose of destroying her — a fact that is particularly noted by the prophet Ezekiel:

“Thus saith the Lord God; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?” (Ez. 38: 17.)

Moses records the fact of Amalek’s attack, and bids Israel ever to remember that enmity which was to continue “from generation to generation” (Deut. 25: 17-19; Ex. 17: 16). This final attack upon Israel, according to the prophet, was to be “in the latter days”:

“After many days . . . in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel. . . . It shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.” (Ez. 38: 8, 16.)

This is in accordance with the prophecy of Balaam:

“Amalek was the first of the nations [to attack Israel]; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.” (Num. 24: 20.)

This "latter-day" conflict is undoubtedly that which is spoken of in Revelation 11:14, under the "third woe," when the nations are to become "angry," and is to be the signal for our Lord's return with power and authority to reign upon the earth (verses 15-18) and to bring the present age to its close.

To understand the import of this "latter-day" aggression it is necessary to note that the Bible records two antagonistic groups of enemy nations that, throughout the ages, are hostile to God's Kingdom. There is, first, the Babylonian group of Gentile nations, with their desire for domination and world rule. Beginning with ancient Babylon, this succession of empires continued in conformity with the inspired interpretation given to Daniel of Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

Then there is a second line of enemy nations who do not contend for world rule alone, but whose desire has ever been the annihilation of God's people Israel. This is a group of nations quite distinct from that Babylonian Succession of Empires spoken of in the second chapter of Daniel, and which has now been destroyed as a world power, according to that prophecy.

That this group is identical with the latter-day confederacy spoken of in Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38 is clear from the fact that, whereas in the Babylonian Succession each power was to come into the ascendancy in turn, and pass away — which according to history has proved to be the successive world powers of Babylon-Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome, each in its destined order — this latter-day confederacy is to be a combination of the successors of that earlier group of nations that fought against Israel prior to the establishment of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.

Throughout Israel's early history she was continually at war with Amalek and the surrounding nations, as recorded in the Books of Judges, II Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, and each one of them is mentioned by the Psalmist (Psalm 83) as combining for a final attempt to destroy God's people — an event which is still future, although close at hand.

In considering this uprising in the latter days of the descendants of Israel's original enemies and the revival of this ancient enmity, it is essential to bear in mind the continuity of races. As pointed out by Howard B. Rand

(DESTINY, January 1943) in "A Racial Trait and a Racial Task":

"Every race and people upon the face of the globe today must of necessity have ancestors. Their very existence proves this to be so. . . .

"In the life of nations, with the passing of centuries, ancient names have been lost and new names acquired as people migrated from one geographical location to another. In these movements . . . all knowledge of the past was obliterated by time and the very names, activities and nationalities of ancestors were not only lost but former locations . . . were remembered no more."

This is a fact that is seldom taken into account, with the result that there is an inability to interpret prophecy in relation to the "latter days" in the light of present-day events. To quote DESTINY again:

"To all intents and purposes, insofar as modern scholarship is concerned, modern peoples and nations sprang from nothing, and when the history of ancient races, peoples and nations is studied, it is without any thought that it can possibly be the history of the ancestors of those who are thus reading these ancient records. Because this is so, and because men have taken an attitude which disassociates ancient races from modern peoples, few have undertaken to trace their origin and study the identification marks that indicate who they are, from whence they came and the identification of their ancestors in former times."

But because of this origination of races, and its relation to present-day nations and peoples, the past is of utmost importance if we are to understand many things which at present are so puzzling to men, and which bring only confusion when they try to fathom the reason for things as they are. For instance:

"Why [says Mr. Rand] are certain races distrustful of each other today? Can it be that there are race antagonisms which have persisted throughout the centuries, the result of ancient injustices and animosities? While the reason for the origin of this distrust and antagonism has been lost in antiquity, yet in the subconscious soul of races there is a recognition, in this spirit of distrust, of a potential enemy in the descendants of those who were enemies in former times. It is an intuitive distrust although the reason for that distrust has long been forgotten."

Certain it is that the attributes of a nation, whether good or evil, have their roots in the ancestors of the race.

This regrouping of nations hostile to Israel could not take place while the Babylonian succession of gentile nations held sway. But now that their power has been broken, which was finally accomplished by the invasion of Italy (see "Hitting the Feet of Clay," DESTINY, August 1943) and the collapse of Germany at the close of World War II, Russia, as modern Amalek, is preparing to attack all Europe and is casting covetous eyes upon Asia as she challenges Anglo-Saxon Israel's supremacy, and moves to dominate the nations and deprive Israel of her God-given heritage.

In the final attempt to destroy Israel and prevent the destined purpose of God for His covenant people (the "mountain" phase of Israel's growth and supremacy according to Daniel 2:35, 44), Satan will marshal all his forces to "break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords" (Ps. 2:3). This devil-inspired assembly of nations is now preparing to strike for that last stand against God, by whom the issue will be determined in deliverance of Israel in fulfillment of His oath to have warfare with Amalek throughout all generations to their ultimate destruction, whose "latter end shall be that he perish for ever" (Num. 24:20). Then will come the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy as Israel, under the kingship of Christ, is exalted above the nations ("the glory of the Lord revealed within the Israel race") and the nations shall come seeking to learn His ways and to walk in His paths (Isa. 2:2-3; 55:5). This coming supremacy of Israel is spoken of by the Prophet Isaiah:

"For though darkness may cover the earth, and black gloom the Peoples, the Life shines over you, and His splendour on you, and Nations shall walk by your light." (Isa. 60:2, Ferrar Fenton.)

Or as Moffatt renders it:

"Though darkness covers all the earth, and a black cloud shrouds the nations, yet the Eternal shines out upon you, his splendour on you gleams, till nations gather to your light."

Here, then, we have the *aggressor multitude* of Esdras' vision, against which God will move in remembrance of His covenant with Israel and His oath to destroy Amalek with supernatural forces which they will be powerless to withstand (Ps. 83:13-18; Ez. 38:21-23; Joel 2:11, 20, 21).

For the identification of present-day Russia with ancient Amalek we have only to compare the particular intent of that enemy of Israel with the Russian declarations and policy. This is clear from Moses' inspired statement as to the reason for God's declared attitude towards Amalek throughout their generations (Ex. 17: 16, *margin*): "Because the hand of Amalek is against the throne of the Lord."

Throughout the prophetic Scriptures there is forecast the overthrow of a people whose hand is against the throne of God, and a final combination of nations who, in the latter days, would seek the destruction of His people Israel; which has clearly come to pass in the Russian confederacy with the declared policy of their Communist leaders — "to grapple with the Lord God . . . and subdue him for ever."

This Russian confederacy is clearly that which is spoken of by the Prophet Ezekiel, which is to come up against Israel from their place out of the north parts, "a great company, and a mighty army" (Ez. 38: 15-16), and as the "enemies" of God and of Israel mentioned by the Psalmist (Psalm 83). This move by Russia will be the beginning of the military activities which are destined to bring the present age to its close, and the signal for the Lord's return with power and authority to reign upon the earth.

The Second Multitude

There is also a second multitude — the *peaceable multitude* which the returning Son gathers unto Him (II Esdras 13: 12, 39), and which is identified to the prophet by the Most High as "the ten tribes" which were led away captive by the Assyrians — whose journey westward toward the appointed place (II Samuel 7: 10) is rehearsed in verses 40-48. We have no difficulty in identifying this *peaceable multitude* with the "lion" of chapter 12: 31-32 which rebukes the eagle for its unrighteousness and cruelty, and with the power which challenges the Gog confederacy in their march against the Israel people and land.

It is Israel against whom the aggressive forces will advance with the full fury of their military and air power: "Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof . . . my people of Israel." As the lion in the prophecy of Esdras accuses the eagle with dou-

ble-dealing, or treachery, so also does the Prophet Ezekiel describe Israel as challenging Gog: "Art thou come to take a spoil? Hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey?"

From II Esdras 12: 11-12 we learn that the eagle represents the finality of Daniel's vision of the "four great beasts [that] came up from the sea" (Dan. 7: 3) — the idolatrous seed which has come down from the four world empires, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. Therefore, the eagle's challenger is none other than the fifth "stone" kingdom of Daniel 2: 44 — Israel, God's "battle axe and weapons of war" (Jer. 51: 20) — which the Son, upon His return, calls to Himself, and through whom ultimately the Kingdom of God is to be established on earth.

This being so, then Israel in these latter days must be a power capable of challenging the "Russian colossus," as General Smuts described that power that is arising in Europe. Against what powers, other than the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America, is this Russian confederacy to operate? The very fact that there is no challenger to their evil designs to dominate the world other than the Anglo-Saxon group of nations is undeniable proof of their identification with Israel against whom Gog is destined to move in that treacherous attack which has persisted throughout the centuries to the final destruction of that enemy of God and His covenant people.

The fact of Israel's supremacy among the nations consequent upon God's choice of this people in whom to show forth His glory (Isa. 60: 1-2) was excellently expressed in the *Covenant Message for Southern Africa* (September 1951):

"The facts are that this world is peopled by an enormous variety of races, communities and individuals in widely different stages of mental, moral and spiritual development. (Many of them are in opposite camps of spiritual condition. . . . The evidence of the truth of the Biblical prediction that humanity would be divided into "sheep" and "goats" is before our eyes today.) But even if we ignored this essential revealed truth, with all the evidence of it that glares at us today from Russia (as it glared from Nazi Germany), it would still be true that neither nations nor individuals are equal, or anything like it.

"All through history, so far as we know it, there has always been one race which,

through its own intrinsic superiority, has achieved the lead, has seized all the rioters within reach, banged their heads together and told them to behave — or else! Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, the Greece of Alexander, Egypt, Rome, Papal Rome, Napoleon's France, the "efficient" Germans, the "social engineers" of Soviet Russia; they all had this vision of order, of efficiency . . . but there was always something lacking. They were none of them big enough for the job."

Shall we not rather say, there have been none spiritually endowed for the job of world-blessing but one race — and that people were chosen, appointed and commissioned by Almighty God; they were placed and watched over by Him so that they might undertake the work they are destined to accomplish in the world for the ultimate blessing of all the nations of the earth. This is in accordance with the word of the Lord through the Prophet Daniel: "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed." Here, surely, in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic race, is that people in the midst of the nations that has risen to greatness, exactly as God purposed Israel should do, by serving all in accord with our Lord's own dictum: "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matt. 20: 27).

They are a truly *peaceable multitude* which, by their very presence on the earth, and by the fact of a Divine appointment, has aroused the hostility of the long succession of anti-God nations whom the Devil has inspired in opposition to His purposes. They are the people who, under God, are doing the things and fulfilling the purpose that the Bible tells us Israel would do in the latter days. They have stood for freedom and witnessed for the truth, sending the Bible throughout the world and missionaries unto the far corners of the earth with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. And they are now proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and the certain return of Christ to reign upon the earth.

There is no other race of people which has undertaken this task that God committed to Israel alone to accomplish. It is in this fact that the motive underlying the approaching world crisis will be found. The Prince of Evil is marshalling all his forces to oppose the coming reign of Jesus Christ. The question as to whether the

Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Evil shall dominate the world will, ere long, be settled forever on the battlefields of the Near East.

It is clear to all who will see that the Jews — falsely called "Israel" — do not fit into Ezekiel's pattern as "thy people of Israel" against whom this "Gog" confederacy is to come. Only as we recognize the chief Christian nations as God's people Israel are we able to rightly interpret the soon-to-be-realized prophecy of the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel.

The Third Multitude

There is finally the third multitude of Esdras's vision:

"Like as thou canst neither seek out nor know the things that are in the deep of the sea: even so can no man upon earth see my Son, or those that be with him, but in the day time." (II Esdras 13: 52.)

This attendant host who are "with him" must be the multitude accompanying Him upon the return of the Son of the most High:

"He whom God the Highest hath kept a great season, which by his own self shall deliver his creature . . . and he shall come to the astonishment of them that dwell on the earth." (II Esdras 13: 26-30.)

This multitude is altogether distinct from either Israel or the anti-God forces in that, while they are upon the earth and functioning in the world, those who will be with the Son on His return will come from the place of His ascension to the astonishment of the earth inhabitants. Only then — "in the daytime" of our Lord's revealing — will they also be discernible.

In the edition of the Old Testament and Apocrypha with notes, edited and compiled by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge of London, England, a marginal note of interest is given in connection with this intriguing statement of chronological import in II Esdras 13: 52. It is there suggested that a more correct rendering of "but in the day time" is, "except in the time of His day." Then a reference to the statement in Luke's Gospel is made:

"For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day." (Luke 17: 24.)

This multitude is surely the Church

of Jesus Christ — that reunited host of overcomers who are to be "caught up into the air," together with the resurrected dead in Christ, who are to be with the Lord in the place of His glory. It is the church of the New Testament; the called-out assembly during the Gospel Age — believers in Christ, irrespective of racial connections; those whom He hath redeemed "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5: 9).

It is the whole company of those who are "in Christ" from Pentecost to the "first resurrection" (I Cor. 15: 52), united to Christ, and one with Him by the baptism of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12: 12-13). It is "the body of Christ" of which He is the Head; called by Christ, "My church."

The resurrected hosts will undoubtedly include the "dead in Christ" — true believers in God — who lived before the Christian dispensation. This is clear from the fact that Jesus Christ is the "true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1: 9), and from the assurance of Jesus that "Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad" (John 8: 56).

They are those of whom the apostle speaks in Hebrews 11: 13 who "died in faith." So we may conclude that the resurrection of the righteous dead will include the Old Testament men and women of God, who throughout the ages have trusted God, according to the dispensational light granted to them.

Compared with the great mass of earth inhabitants, and even with Israel, they are a "little flock," of whom it is spoken that "whereas many are called, few are chosen." They are also referred to by the Prophet Esdras as follows:

"As when thou askest the earth, it shall say unto thee, that it giveth much mould whereof earthen vessels are made, but little dust that gold cometh of: even so is the course of this present world. There be many created, but few shall be saved." (II Esdras 8: 2-3.)

In order to rightly gauge the status of this third multitude, as distinct from Israel in the purpose of God for ultimate Kingdom establishment, we may consider, in conclusion, two statements of our Lord which are often quoted but perhaps little understood. The first is our Lord's statement about a particular habitation for those who

are to be with Him as sharers of His glory:

"In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14: 2-3.)

Here, then, is a most important statement of Jesus concerning a certain place or status in the Heavenly places reserved for the consecrated believers in Christ, for whom He will return at the time appointed.

It is the accompanying revelation to that statement in Luke 19: 12 which also is concerned with the Kingdom and the time for its establishment on earth (note verse 11), where Jesus again speaks of His going away for a period, and for a purpose ("to receive for himself a kingdom") and to return for the establishment of that Kingdom, and the allocation of Kingdom responsibilities to His appointed servants.

We are reminded of the prophetic vision given to Daniel, recorded in Daniel 7: 13-14, which was the inspired glimpse permitted to him of the investiture of our Lord to the Kingship; the prophetic complement of our Lord's statement as to the purpose of His going away:

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

From verse 9 we learn that this action in the Heavenly realm was to take place coincident with the casting down of the earth-thrones ("I beheld till the thrones were cast down"), and was to immediately precede Israel's possession of the Kingdom:

"The saints of the most High [God's covenant people — "Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice" — Ps. 50: 5] shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever." (Dan. 7: 18.)

The "nobleman" of our Lord's parable, and the "son of man" of Daniel's vision are none other than this same Jesus, whom we know from John 14: 2-3 has left the earth for a season for that work of preparation prior to His return.

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Month by Month

THE January article in this series concluded with the reminder that the year 1953 coincided with the Roman Indiction Year 6666. Signs continue to multiply indicating growing alarm in the Vatican that Italy is marked down as next on the list of countries to fall into the net of Communist-controlled satellite states.

Thus, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Italy's Catholic Action Movement, the Pope declared:

"Threatening clouds gather over us and I feel deeply concerned over the fate and future of humanity. You do not need to be told who the enemy is. He is among us all everywhere subtle and dangerous.

"Again the enemy is marching on Rome as he did 1,500 years ago under Attila. Then Pope Leo went to meet Attila to plead for peace. I do not believe it would be expedient for me to go and meet the new Attila. I must stay here and guard the flock from the wolf."

There is something incongruous about the fact that in expressing concern over "*the fate and future of humanity*," the man who claims to be the Head of Christendom and Vice-Regent of Christ on earth should be silent regarding the sure word of prophecy which is as a light in a dark place. Had the Papacy not set aside the authority of the Holy Scriptures, it would have been possible for the Pope to give an assurance to his flock that the fate and future of humanity are safe in the overruling hands of God who sees the end from the beginning.

That the conflict between the Vatican and Communism is a matter for anxiety to the Italian Government is evidenced in the following outspoken extract from the government paper, *Popolo d'Italia*:

"False and distorted statements attributed by Communist leaders to the Pope cannot be tolerated indefinitely. We are faced with a desire to conceal the truth in order that the ignorant masses and hypnotized minorities may derive from this deadly propaganda of slander motives for a distaste for religion.

"The Communist party intends before the next General Election to make a frontal attack on the influence which the Roman Church exerts over the Italian people. This influence is the greatest single obstacle the Communist party faces in its struggle to seize power in Italy and they are well aware of it. Hitherto Communist tactics have been to skirt the issue rather than to meet it head-on."

At the same time Italy's Foreign Minister, in turning down Signor Nenni's proposal for a non-aggression pact with Russia, complained bitterly of what he describes as "*recent incitements to Italian Communists*." Referring directly to the speech made by Stalin at the recent Congress of the Soviet Union Communist Party, Signor de Gasperi issued the challenge: "*These attacks appall me. I would like to know what is the object of Mr. Stalin's direct intervention in the affairs of our country.*"

Just how deep is the enmity between the Head of the Papacy and the Head of Communism is shown in the following examples of blast and counterblast. Thus the Pope stated in a message to pilgrims in Rome:

"The enemy is striving to eliminate Christ from the family, the school, public life, judicial life and the assemblies of states-

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men where they decide on peace or war. In recent years the enemy has attempted the intellectual, social and moral disintegration of the unity of Christ. He is an enemy who daily becomes more real.

"At first he says: 'Christ, yes, but the Church, no.' Then he says: 'God, yes, but Christ, no.' Finally, the cry goes up, 'God is dead; in fact, there never was any God.' This is an attempt to rebuild the world on foundations which for us do not exist."

Whereas, General Tsankov, "Bulgarian" Minister of the Interior, commenting upon the sentence of death passed on a Bishop and three priests in Sofia recently, declared:

"These reactionaries who adopted the Jesuitical instructions of the dark forces of the Vatican are professional warmongers and the deadly enemies of peace and socialism. They tried to organize armed groups for action in the case of intervention by Americans and other imperialists.

"The dark cassocks of the priests and the holy altar of God were too transparent for the vigilant eye of the State security men. Caught and rendered harmless, these priests are condemned for their hostile activities against the People's Government, and neither God nor their imperialist masters can help them."

We do not draw attention to these events because we derive pleasure in reciting them. But to attain a balanced viewpoint it is essential to face life as it really is. We need to realize that war to the death has already begun between these two powerful political forces. We see that countless horrors are being perpetrated daily in Eastern Europe which are reminiscent of religious persecutions in the Middle Ages, except that now the persecution is the other way about. Let us be humble enough to give thanks to God that, by enjoying the immunity of Anglo-Saxon countries, we are spared the horror of witnessing such things.

In their proud boasting the Communists ignore the fact that "*the mills of God grind slowly but they grind exceeding small.*" For the day will come when the Communist penetration, having fulfilled its purpose, will be swept away like chaff before the wind. It is only when God's judgments are in the earth that men learn righteousness, as the Scriptures say. As the incident now to be recited infers, there seems to be no natural inclination to learn righteousness except under the stern pressure of Divine condemnation; the inclination to learn righteousness under the guidance of the Holy Spirit being by contrast a spiritual impulse, not a natural inclination.

Thus in England we have witnessed the extraordinary spectacle of Cardinal Griffin, opening a nine-day campaign of prayer with a plea for the canonization of the 1577 "martyr" Cuthbert Mayne. Believe it or not, this is what the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster Cathedral said:

"Strange things have been happening in the West Country (Cornwall). Through the martyr's intercession a number of favors have been granted. As soon as the necessary documents

concerning these favors have been prepared, his cause will be presented to Rome. It has to be established that three miracles have been worked before Cuthbert Mayne could be declared a saint. His skull will be taken to various churches in Westminster so that all our people may venerate it and be blessed by it."

Is it to be wondered at that scientists, rationalists and Communists should turn against a representation of the Christian faith which offers a human skull as a means of blessing in substitution of the blessing of the Lord who alone can bestow Divine power from on high. This is the kind of travesty of the spirit of Christ and of the power of God unto salvation which has brought the name of Christendom into disrepute in the estimation of countless thousands throughout the world. It is not to be wondered at that, as a result of these superstitious practices, the Vatican system — with its love of idolatry in flagrant defiance of the Divine command: "*Thou shalt have no other gods before Me*" — is being shaken to its foundations before the eyes of the people of the world.

Blindness as to the true significance of what is taking place is illustrated by the speech of Mr. Richard Stokes, M. P. (Cabinet Minister in the former Socialist Government), who, in addressing the Catholic Trade Unionists in Birmingham, said:

"It is no longer a battle of Capital versus Labor, or bankers versus bankrupts, or nation versus nation, but of the national appeal of Communism against the real and effective practice of Christian principles. Only practicing Christians could show that there is a positive alternative which outbid and is more attractive than anything totalitarian materialism could offer."

These are sound and excellent sentiments taken at their face value, but it all hangs upon the exact definition of what real Christian principles are, and — for the bewildered general public — which of the so-called "Christian" principles are effective and truly Christlike.

Like most ardent Catholics, Mr. Stokes sees the conflict of the Vatican versus Communism as the battle of Christianity versus Communism, whereas actually the Vatican conflict is only a minor phase in the greater conflict. Indeed, it is the battle of Ecclesiastical Totalitarianism versus Totalitarian Materialism, and in this clash Ecclesiastical Totalitarianism will be wiped out.

The claims of the Vatican are counterfeit and spurious; the vatican system is not conjoined to the spirit of the Living Christ but is divorced from it. Therefore, while it is true that the real and true principles of Christianity are opposed to Communism, the principles of true Christianity are *not* those espoused by the Papal State, for in this respect the Vatican is outside the orbit of spiritual integrity, not within it. This is a cataclysmic change of thought for Catholic believers to have to face, but in the ultimate result they will find they have lost nothing but gained everything through being stripped of vain illusions.

Meanwhile, it is hardly surprising that the Vatican radio — in its tribute to the great philosopher Benedetto Croce, foe of Fascism and war-time friend of the Allies — qualified its words with what it called "*firm reserve*" so that, while the London *Times* was acclaiming the influence of Croce as being equivalent to that of Goethe, the Vatican broadcast complained:

"Croce dealt harshly with religion, relegating the Roman Catholic Church among the myths, denying her origin, character and her divine mission. He replaced the true God with the false

god of his philosophy in order to replace it with the false so-called religion of the Spirit."

Yet it was Benedetto Croce, who — at a time when he had no knowledge of the subject of Anglo-Israel identity — through his clear insight into the significance of the Bible vision, felt moved to make the following immortal pronouncement, which constitutes one of the finest expositions extant when properly understood in the light of the fundamental tenet that the House of Israel is identified with the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples today:

"Israel is the parent of the only true history, the history which is also philosophy, which sees the past alive in the present and pressing on towards a goal and consummation in the future."

Meanwhile, the ordinary observer, untrained in the discrimination of the rights and wrongs of these affairs, often feels bewildered and perplexed at the sight of Catholics being accused by Communists of being diabolical, while others who profess and call themselves Christians take the view that Catholics and Communists alike are being caught up in the maelstrom of Divine judgment.

The solution to this apparent enigma is simple. It is not sufficient that we should profess and call ourselves Christians. It is more important that we should make sure that we are being led into the Way of Truth. If we are being led into the Way of Truth, we do not accept authoritarian pronouncements upon religion, but we put our trust in the Holy Spirit who alone can lead us into all truth.

The question of *all* truth is vital. For only as we are instructed in the whole counsel of God, and have learned rightly to divide the Word of Truth, can we see the truth as it is, *i.e.*, see it whole.

Herein lies the solution to the enigma. For when we see *all* truth, we see it whole, *i.e.*, as it *is* rather than as we think it ought to be; we see truth wholly, *i.e.*, severed completely from preconceived opinions. And when we see truth as revealed by the Holy Spirit, we see falsities for what they are, for we see them — not in the light of our own understanding — but in the light of truth.

Otherwise, if we search for truth without the Holy Spirit as our guiding light, we see truth inverted or distorted, so that what we think is truth is not truth at all but false; indeed, we see falsities as truths.

Meanwhile, the rising tide of Communism sweeps on all over the habitable globe, so that Pakistan's delegate in the United Nations was moved to exclaim:

"A thousand and one revolutions are now under way in the African continent from Tunisia to the Cape. Africa is aflame!"

While making full allowance for temperamental tendencies toward verbal exaggeration in such cases, the average Englishman, noted for his love of understatement, is now becoming reluctantly forced to admit that in Iraq, Persia, Egypt, Kenya, Malaya and elsewhere "*things are not too hot!*" (I hope readers in the U. S. will appreciate the double negative in the last three words, but unfortunately it is an idiomatic expression peculiar to the English mind which it is utterly impossible to translate. A. R. H.)

Quickly following revelations by ex-King Farouk regarding the Communist plot which succeeded in dethroning him comes the personal narrative of ex-Queen Nariman, in which she tells in simple words the manner in which it was confirmed that the suitor to whom her father

originally proposed that she should be betrothed proved to be a Communist although he held an important position in the United Nations. Narriman's father appears to have been oblivious to this fact and solely concerned with what he considered would prove a suitable union for his daughter in accord with Moslem custom. However, as the narrative records it:

"One day, Zachi Hashem told me I might be very fortunate if he decided to marry me, for it was possible that one day I should become wife of the President of the Egyptian Republic. I asked how that might be possible since Egypt was not a republic but a kingdom and he told me that to men of determination such things were always possible."

This incident occurred in 1949 before Princess Narriman (as she now is) met the then King and married him. Much has happened since that date. On the self-same day that Britain's Foreign Minister, Anthony Eden, was assuring the House of Commons of "*a marked improvement in relations with Egypt*," General Naguib was addressing students at the University in Alexandria and declaiming:

"We are determined to see the British evacuate Egyptian territory to the last soldier. We want to realize complete sovereignty and will spare no efforts till the last foreign soldier leaves our soil. This is our sacred aim and we will never deviate from it."

Laudable although those sentiments may at first glance appear to be, they take on a different aspect when read in the light of dispatches by Sefton Delmer, *Daily Express* Foreign Affairs correspondent in Cairo. Thus he writes:

"It is vital to find the right answers to these questions, not only for Britain and the British Commonwealth, but for the whole Western world. For Britain is being pressed to give up control of the Suez Canal base, which, with its stores, harbors, airfields and ports, is essential to the Western world's defense against a possible Soviet invasion of the Middle East.

"This Soviet invasion, if successful, would not only cut off vital oil areas but open Africa to the Soviet armies and turn the flank of the NATO armies defending Europe. If you think it is a foregone conclusion that, once we are out of the Suez Canal, Naguib will hasten to call us back again, you have got to guess again. It is my belief, after listening to Brigadier Gamal Abdel Nasser, and other members of the military committee — the Milit-buro, Stalin would call it — that, once we are out, they will never let us in again."

In a personal interview with General Naguib, Walter Farr, *Daily Mail* correspondent, receives a similar impression after meeting the revolutionary junta of ten officers who appointed Naguib to lead the revolution. Of this group he says:

"They watch over him day and night. They try not to let him see anyone alone. They have told me how, acting as a group, they planned the revolution and asked Naguib to take charge temporarily because of his popularity."

Asked if he intended to become a Hitler-type dictator, General Naguib replied: "*I have a sacred mission. I shall fulfill it come what may. When Egypt is rid of her enemies within and without, I shall step aside — perhaps in six months. I do not seek personal power. But I shall do what has to be done. That is the soldier's way.*"

Six months from October runs out in April next, so we must wait and see what happens when the General steps aside and those who have appointed him to fulfill a temporary role reveal their hand.

As an interpreter of the significance of world developments in modern history, Professor Arnold Toynbee oc-

cupies a position that is unique. In a remarkable B.B.C. broadcast he claimed that Communism "*as a creed is a spiritual weapon*," and represented "*criticism of the West's failure to live up to her own Christian principles in the economic and social life of this professedly Christian society*." The Professor continues:

"With this spiritual weapon in her hands Russia could carry her war with the West into the enemy's country on the spiritual plane. Communism has already proved itself a more effective weapon in Russian hands than any material weapon could ever be.

"In the encounter between Russia and the West the spiritual initiative, though not the technological lead, has now passed, at any rate for the moment. The present encounter is now moving off the technological plane on to the spiritual plane.

"For the first time in the modern Western world's history — since the close of the 17th century when the flow of western converts to Islam ceased — the West has again found itself threatened with spiritual disintegration from inside as well as with an assault from outside."

Professor Toynbee emphasizes that Communism has "*produced a remedy which is worse than the disease*," but gives the trenchant warning that the West must not underrate the force of this propaganda which he claims has an impact upon (1) uneasy Western consciences, (2) idealists who want to devote themselves to a great Cause, (3) also "*an appeal to all men since it can claim to offer mankind the unity which is our only alternative to self-destruction in an atomic age.*"

Professor Toynbee puts the case far too strongly in bringing forward the positive assertion that Communism can claim to offer mankind the unity it desires. But his purpose in putting the issue so forcibly is to awaken public opinion to the strength of the opposing force with which they are being confronted. Communism does claim to offer this unity, but it cannot do so because it is a Christless code and in its innermost essence is destructive, not constructive; it is not a creative force, but a form of spiritual anarchy.

The ideal of the Kingdom of God upon earth is the greatest of all great causes, which has an appeal to all nations and all nations are destined to bring their glory into it. It is chiefly the churches who are to blame for the fact that Communism has stepped into the breach to fill this vacuum. For the vacuum and spiritual hunger would not exist in the minds of men if the churches had preached that the Kingdom of God is coming on earth. It is because the churches have spiritualized away into the after-life the ideal of the Kingdom of God that the vacuum exists and men turn greedily to anyone who will offer them the next best thing to the true realization.

Even the sober London *Times* seems to get a glimpse of the coming emergence of the Kingdom of God upon earth when, in a leading article, it describes the astonishing spectacle of a world being divided into three groups: (1) nations torn by civil war, (2) formerly dependent nations now for the first time in the throes of nationalism, (3) independent sovereign nations which seek to preserve their national heritage by pooling their strength in the new and wider partnership of the Atlantic community.

In this remarkable article, the Editor — commenting upon the meeting between Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Cordell Hull in New York — declares:

"Anyone surveying the world, as the Foreign Ministers are now surveying it must wonder how far the rival claims of Com-

munism and political liberty are supplanting the old appeals of nationhood. The Foreign Ministers have to base their political and strategic thinking on a new kind of map. The national boundaries remain; yet superimposed across them are the bold ideological frontiers which cut through once united countries. The world, emerging from the havoc of national wars, is relapsing into wars of creeds as ferocious as the old wars of religion."

Showing that the civil war or division between North and South Koreans — which underlies the greater Korean conflict — is a phenomenon which is being duplicated in Indo-China and to a less degree in Germany, the Editor describes this disintegrating element as "*a force which claims to have moved beyond the stage of nationalism and appeals to sections of peoples and not to peoples as a whole. Creeds are, in fact, supplanting the allegiances of nationhood.*"

Believers in Anglo-Israel truth will be quick to recognize the significance of the idea that a creed should supplant the allegiance of nationhood. For the rise of nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom, which comes to its climax at the end of the age, is to be followed by the manifestation of the Kingdom on earth in which there will be one God, one creed and one King over them all.

It is because these upheavals foreshadow a radiant vision of that unity for which all mankind longs that Jesus said, "*When ye hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled, for these are the beginnings of sorrows,*" the literal translation of which may be made to conclude, "*for these are the birth-pangs.*"

That the *Times* Editor has caught a glimpse of this fact is evident from the words which follow:

"In answer to the challenge the free Governments — and above all the Western Governments — have to embark on an imaginative and endless adventure of meeting the racial and national upsurges of dependent peoples in good time and of guiding social progress at home and in all their territories."

More than a quarter of a century ago, David Davidson was writing about the entry of nations into the Kingdom of

God, which he claimed — in interpreting Great Pyramid symbolism — would take place, during the 1953 to 2000 A.D. period — "*in successive national and racial uprisings.*" Today we see all things spoken by the prophets coming to pass.

Now that General Eisenhower has been elected President of the United States, it is significant to recall his challenge that the subjugation of satellite states in Europe by Soviet Russia could not be tolerated indefinitely, and also his speech to the American Legion Convention in August 1952, on which occasion he declared:

"Hope for peace among men has disappeared under the monstrous advance of Communist tyranny. At the command of the Communist Tsars in Moscow is the most formidable aggregation of power ever brought under a single despotic rule. Out of broken bodies, the Soviets now build a war machine that the economy of Russia could not otherwise achieve.

"Who can doubt that the Kremlin will constantly build towards war, if war is deemed necessary to achieve its global ends? Who can doubt that meanwhile it will proceed with its campaign of political infiltration and economic strangulation? I believe that this nation today stands in greater peril than at any time in our history.

"America's spiritual, economic and military strength must be the cornerstone of a free world structure. We cannot brook any delay if we in cooperative unity with other free peoples are to achieve our destiny as children of God and heirs to peace."

That is a noble phrase and one in line with Anglo-Israel sentiments, viz.: "*our destiny as children of God and heirs to peace.*" Much could be written in elaboration of this theme but space forbids. It is, however, significant to realize that a child born in 1953 will be only 47 years of age in the year 2,000 A.D., which until now has always seemed so far away. Moreover, 2,000 A.D. is the year defined in prophetic chronology as ushering in the New Age of Righteousness and the long longed-for peace on earth to men of good will which will be the consequent result of righteousness being established in the earth.

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The Shadow of Terror

November 22, 1952

AS MID-AUTUMN arrived the world crisis was continuing its pattern of slow but steady deterioration. Indecisive warfare raged in Korea and Indo-China. The United Nations struggled to resolve the deadlocked Korean truce negotiations, while developments in Europe further dimmed NATO defense prospects and the hope of Western leaders for German participation in the European Army.

Then, in a twinkling, one event plunged the world into a vastly more grim and terrifying phase of its judgment ordeal. The United States successfully tested a hydrogen bomb. This development was of such transcendent importance, so ominous in its implications that beside it all else paled into insignificance. At one fell swoop it many times redoubled the peril overhanging humanity and brought immeasurably closer the moment of civilization's supreme trial.

The briefest survey will suffice to show the dreadful potentialities of the H-bomb, the most awesome weapon of destruction ever to emerge from the scientific laboratories. In its perfected form it can blast everything within a 100-square-mile radius, with heat flash sufficient to sear a person's skin extending over an additional fifty square miles. And every H-bomb blast releases into the atmosphere a certain amount of radioactive Carbon-14, a substance which could cause universal sterility among all higher forms of animal life if enough of it impregnates the air and water. Nor is any scientist sure how many H-bombs can be exploded before this fatal concentration of Carbon-14 is reached.

The impact of the H-bomb upon the precarious balance of the world strategical situation is equally alarming. It will enable the Soviet Union within a comparatively short time to overcome the present American superiority in conventional nuclear weapons. This is so because the H-bomb is most useful against large targets—cities of a half-million population or over—of which the United States possesses many more than Russia.

Were the course of events now in

the hands of the scientists who have wrought these instruments of devastation, or of the politicians who have so miserably snarled mundane affairs, the outlook for humanity would be hopeless indeed. But the generation confronted by this threat of utter obliteration has also been granted insight into the significance and application of Divine time-measures. Not only does a study of these time-factors relating to the advent of the H-bomb reveal that a precise plan and schedule lies behind it, but the meaning of the Divine measures involved points up both the immediate and long-range objectives of the release of atomic energy at this particular time.

The material on Chart I, including some summarized from previous articles, shows that the November 1, 1952 test explosion of an H-bomb fits into the unfolding context of atomic developments with truly amazing precision. The whole pattern is set with mathematical exactitude within the period which is defined in Great Pyramid symbolism as the Hall of the Judgment of the Nations, showing that the release of atomic energy is easily the predominant factor in this crucial seventeen-year transition between what has been before and the new age to come.

The Biblical time-period indicating space or extent of judgment is 1600. A double 1600 period, in solar form, extended from the opening of the Great Pyramid's Hall of Judgment on September 16, 1936 to the first wartime use of the atomic bomb on August 6, 1945. From the same 1936 initial point, a period of 1600 plus 15×286 days extended to November 1, 1952 when the first H-bomb was exploded. Since 286 is the number of displacement, and 15 the length of a prophetic hour, the combination of 1600 and 15×286 warns that November 1, 1952 brought man's materialistic world order to the hour of its final overthrow or "displacement."

The interval between September 16, 1936 and November 1, 1952 also comprises 1290 plus 2×2300 days, the first factor being the numerical symbol of desolation, while the second is that which Daniel relates to the cleansing of the sanctuary at the close of the age.

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The significance of this combination is self-evident: the advent of the H-bomb will accelerate the destructive process which is clearing the way for the coming New Order of the Ages.

H-bomb developments also link precisely to the closing date of the Hall of Judgment period. As was pointed out at the time, the January 17, 1950 crisis in the Washington Administration over H-bomb policy came 1290 days solar plus two before August 20, 1953. A perfected solar displacement period (286 plus 2 days) before the same August 1953 terminal marked November 1, 1952 when the first H-bomb was tested. That solar measures should be involved here is significant, since the H-bomb utilizes the same process which produces the sun's heat.

November 1, 1952 also relates pertinently to April 12, 1945 which brought President Truman into office, who was destined to order both the first wartime use of the atomic bomb and later the production of the H-bomb. The interval between the two dates includes a warning period of 120 days and three times the 880 factor indicating Divine guidance or intermediation. Or the interval involved may be taken as either 2×1380 days or as twice the sum of 1260 and 120. The first measure is ten times the number of the porters or watchmen (138), a complete exposition of which was included in the article, "Through Judgment to Restoration" in *DESTINY* for September 1951 (pp. 318-322). The 1260 plus 120 combination, of course, stresses both tribulation and warning.

The first successful nuclear chain reaction experiment in the laboratory occurred in Chicago on December 2, 1942. From this date it was 1040 plus 2×1290 plus two days to the November 1, 1952 H-bomb test. This combination of factors signifies desolation coming to fruition.

The desolation motif recurs yet again in the double solar 1290 period separating November 1, 1952 from September 2, 1945 when the signing of the Japanese surrender ended World War

II. And a measure of 880 plus 2 x 390 days extends from the test H-bomb blast to May 19, 1957, which will be 2520 days after the Korean war opened on June 25, 1950. The combination of 880 and 390 days suggests Israel's chastisement proceeding under Divine supervision.

Study of the material mapped on Chart I will reveal clearly with what remarkable precision the release of atomic energy has been proceeding as the nations progressed through the Hall of Judgment period.

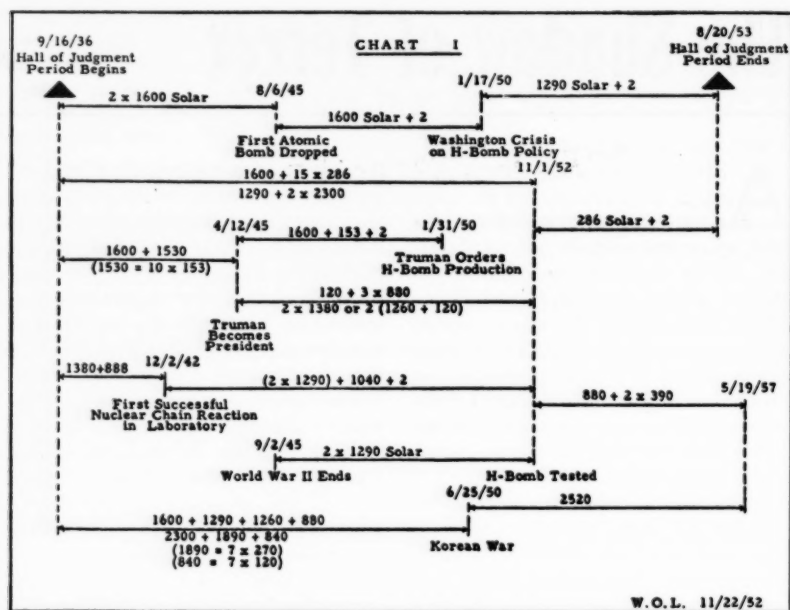
Beneath the shadow of the fateful thermonuclear developments, other phases of the world crisis continued to unfold. With the Korean truce talks still suspended, the UN undertook a full debate of the Korean stalemate at its October meeting in New York. The start of this debate on October 24 came both a solar "perfection in warning" period of 7 x 120 days after the Korean war opened and a lunar measure of the same period after July 19, 1950, when President Truman requested special powers to deal with the Korean emergency (upper center of Chart II). Repeated from last month's chart is the fact that October 24, 1952 closed a solar trial or probation period of 2520 days after the UN was organized in October 1945.

Meanwhile, a bitter dispute between France and Germany over the future of the Saar industrial basin jeopardized both the European Defense Community treaty and the projected rearmament of Germany. On October 25 Franco-German talks aimed at resolving the impasse reached a dead end. The official communique issued offered little hope of future agreement.

Collapse of the Saar talks came 286 days solar after the close of the Truman-Churchill conference in Washington on January 9, 1952 (near bottom of Chart II). Note that the lunar terminal of this 286 cycle marked October 17 when Iran announced its diplomatic break with Great Britain. Both the October 17 and 25 developments indicate the "displacement" of Anglo-American efforts to extricate themselves from the pressure of world travail without recourse to Divine guidance.

For further chronological data on the important October 17, 1952 terminal, refer back to last month's charts.

Russia on October 26 served notice through Communist North Korea that



decisions taken in the UN Assembly sessions would be considered "illegal." This Russian move torpedoed in advance UN efforts to arrange a Korean truce. It appropriately came a solar warning period of 7 x 120 days after the United States entered the Korean war on June 27, 1950. In addition, October 26 was 420 days lunar after the Japanese peace treaty was signed on September 8, 1951 (upper half of Chart III).

The October 26 terminal also brought serious new Communist disorders in Iran as well as a native riot in Algeria.

On October 29 Russia offered in the UN a rehashed proposal which completely dispelled hopes of the American delegation for relaxation of the adamant Soviet stand on repatriation of Korean war prisoners. It is significant indeed that this move came precisely 7 x 120 days before February 16, 1955, which links back to the proclamation of the Communist "People's Republic" in North Korea on February 16, 1948 through a solar measure of 2520 days (top of Chart III).

As Chart III indicates, the H-bomb test explosion also came 420 days after the Japanese peace treaty was signed. November 1 also found the Russian-zone parliament in Berlin inviting the West German Bundestag to send a delegation to present its views on German unity.

Premier Naguib of Egypt and the British Ambassador conferred at length in Cairo on November 2 concerning

the future of the Sudan, the territory from which Egypt seeks to oust the British. Meanwhile, Bombay newspapers reported a flare-up of fighting between border police on the frontier between India and Pakistan.

These two November 2 events fell a 15 x 120 "hour of warning" period after the UN voted to partition Palestine on November 29, 1947 (near bottom of Chart III). In addition, November 2 was 1290 days solar after the April 3, 1949 armistice between the Jews and Trans-Jordan, and also 286 days lunar after the January 25-26 riots in Egypt.

Russia served notice on November 5 that she refused to recognize as legal a naval defensive zone established by the United States in South Korean waters, particularly around islands on which war prisoners are held. Russia termed this a "new aggressive act" and placed full responsibility for "the consequences" upon the United States Government.

Three separate time-measures tie this Russian note, announced on November 5, into the Far Eastern pattern. It came 7 x 120 days after July 19, 1950, when President Truman asked special powers to deal with the Korean war emergency. November 5 was also 286 days lunar after January 28, 1952, when the Big Three warned against further Communist aggression in the Far East. Finally a lunar period of 7 x 270 days (birth travail perfected) extends from November 5 to December 11, 1957, which will close a forty-

year generation after the British entered Jerusalem in 1917 (near top of Chart II). Note particularly that the mean terminal of this 7 x 270 cycle extending back from the 1957 date marked the collapse of the Korean truce talks.

British hopes for a harmonious settlement of the Egyptian crisis were sharply jolted on November 6 when Premier Naguib told a mass meeting in Alexandria that he was "fully determined to see the British evacuate Egyptian territory to the last soldier." This was precisely a 286-day displacement period after the January 25-26 riots in Egypt. Also significant is the fact that the Naguib affirmation came 1290 days (desolation) after April 26, 1949 when the Communists demanded that American and British forces leave China (bottom of Chart III).

The West German Defense Commissioner on November 9 outlined the plan under which a 500,000-man citizen army would be formed as Germany's contribution to the projected European Army. This was 1290 days solar plus two after April 8, 1949, when the Big Three announced the agreement which set up Western Germany

as a federal republic (lower center of Chart II). The November 9 terminal was also 286 days after January 28, 1952.

The harried UN, already upset by disclosures of a Senate committee that many Americans among UN personnel were Communists, received two further jolts on November 10. Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky, in a lengthy speech, revealed that Russia's stand on the prisoner-of-war issue was more inflexible than at any time during the four-week-old General Assembly session. The UN was told that Russia would not retreat an inch from her position on forced repatriation.

The second November 10 jolt for the UN was the resignation of its secretary-general, Trygve Lie. Although hostility of the Soviet bloc was given by Lie as the immediate cause of his resignation, there was a widespread feeling that he wished to get out before some impending crisis rocked the world organization. Ivan H. Peterman, describing the reaction of diplomats at UN headquarters to the Lie resignation, declared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*:

"Seasoned observers here felt that Lie saw no sincerity, no chance for peace after

Vishinsky's violent blast today, and no end to the war in the Far East.

"He also saw, they feared, a possible collapse of the whole UN at this already stalemated session."

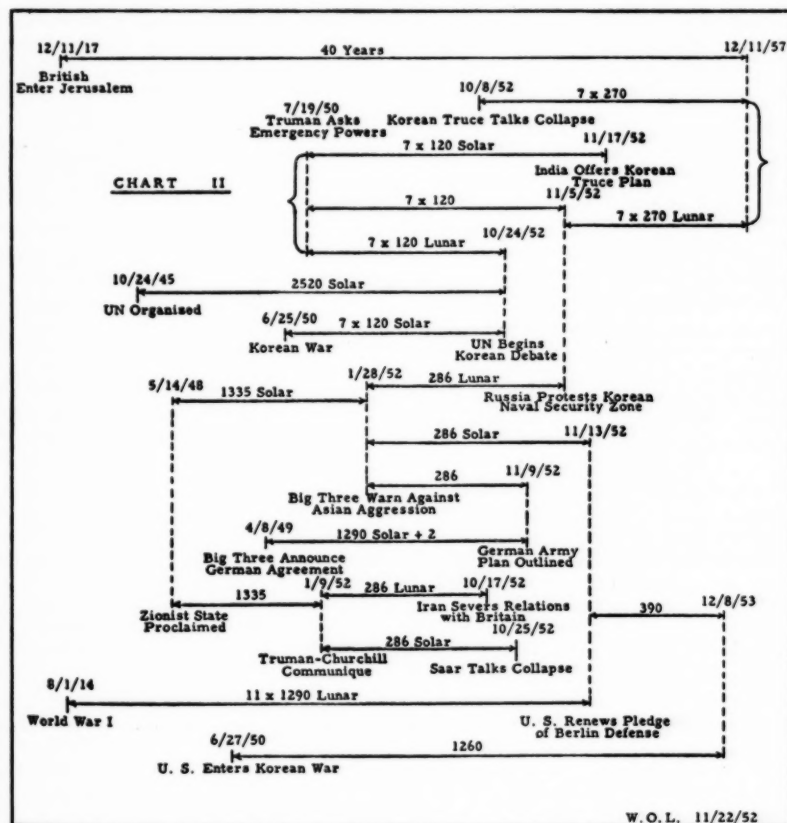
These two events involving the UN and its Korean war were doubly marked by appropriate chronological measures. They came 880 days lunar after the U. S. entered the Korean war on June 27, 1950. In addition, they fell 7 x 120 days lunar before February 16, 1955, which will be 2520 days solar after the North Korean "People's Republic" was proclaimed (top of Chart III).

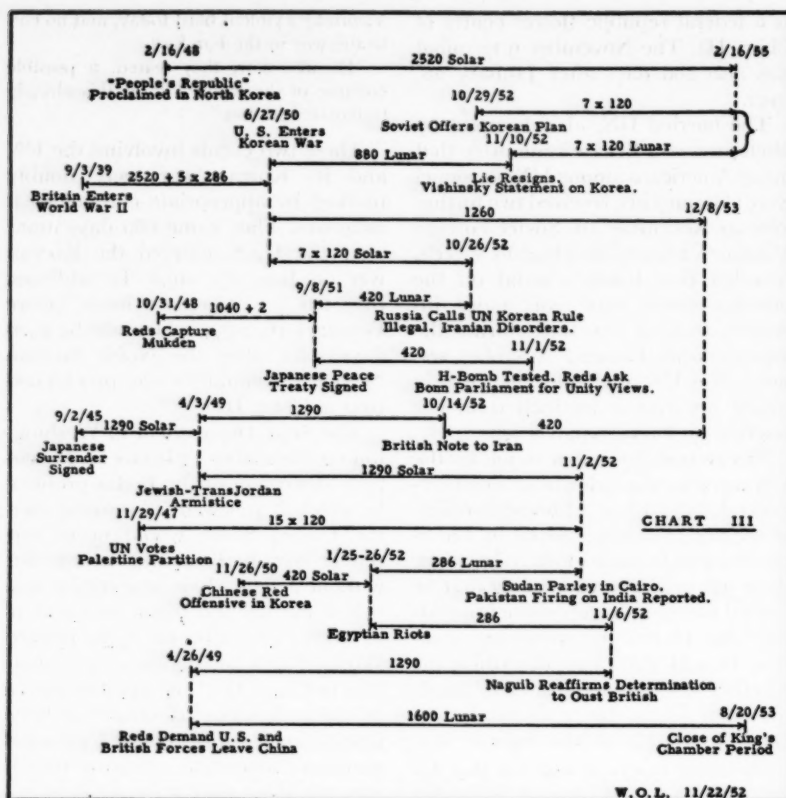
The State Department in Washington on November 13 issued an eleven-page discussion of the Berlin problem in which it renewed its warning that the United States would never surrender West Berlin to the Communists without a fight. It is noteworthy that this came on the lunar terminal of 11 x 1290 days after Germany opened World War I on August 1, 1914 (bottom of Chart II). The number eleven of course signifies "disorder" or "disintegration." Other charted material marking November 13 shows that it was 286 days solar after January 28, 1952 and also an "Israel's chastisement" period of 390 days before December 8, 1953. The latter date will be 1260 days after the United States entered the Korean war.

The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission on November 16 officially confirmed that a successful series of H-bomb tests had been carried on at its Eniwetok atoll proving grounds. It is noteworthy that this date was 6 x 666 days after the United States declared war on Japan on December 8, 1941 (not charted).

India on November 17 presented in the UN a compromise Korean armistice plan under which solution of the basic prisoner repatriation issue would be postponed. Although opposed by both Russia and America, the Indian proposal found much support among fainthearted Western nations anxious to end the Korean war upon almost any terms. The Indian truce plan was presented 7 x 120 days solar after July 19, 1950 when President Truman asked special powers to deal with the Korean war emergency (near top of Chart II).

The UN special political committee on November 20 voted to set up a commission to investigate South Africa's racial segregation laws. This action ap-





propriately came 420 days after September 27, 1951 when Iran took over the Abadan refinery from Great Britain. UN meddling, as exemplified in the November 20 committee decision, can only aggravate the unrest already so rife among the world's heathen multitudes. The 420 time-measure is ten times the confusion factor (42) and therefore indicates confusion perfected.

Even without the incalculable potentialities of the H-bomb, the world situation would bode ill indeed for the

Anglo-Saxon nations. Each month more ground is lost to the militant Russians; each month brings nearer the moment when the Soviet Union will unleash its last savage attack aimed at obliterating those nations which represent the nucleus of God's Kingdom on earth.

As the outlook darkened, the United States was nearing a change in administration. The incoming government of President-elect Eisenhower would bring a fresh approach to many

of the problems besetting the nation. Yet the array of difficulties is so staggering, the legacy of past errors so mountainous, that the new Administration will need every resource of wisdom and ingenuity to keep the ship of state afloat.

The danger is that the American people will expect too much of the new Republican Administration. President-elect Eisenhower campaigned as the leader of a great crusade; but no crusade can succeed unless all who participate in it are fully dedicated to the cause. If the American people wish to ease the impact of the imminent storm, they will immediately dedicate themselves to a national search for spiritual values, to a new appraisal of what God requires of them as individuals and as a nation.

Wise and able leaders can do much, but they cannot accomplish miracles. Only God can work miracles. And in the final analysis it will be God who preserves the Anglo-Saxon peoples from the inflooding enemy.

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Isa. 25: 9.)

There will be no short cuts out of the morass in which America and the British Commonwealth are bogged, no political panacea which will deliver them from the consequences of past follies. They will find their way to the safe ground of the coming order only when, under the impact of pyramiding catastrophe, they open their hearts to the Spirit of God and make His will their law. Once that happens, the peril will pass and the years of reconstruction will begin.

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the sanctity and secrecy of their subversive pipe lines.

"Americans in Communist countries are under such strict surveillance that they cannot move a muscle, much less send a message without secret police supervision, but here Communist UN employees are free to travel anywhere in the United States, talk to anybody, communicate with Moscow by secret code, travel back and forth with immunity to search. In our own cities they may speed, overpark and refuse to pay any taxes on anything. They may tear up our traffic tickets and thumb their noses at our local law enforcement officials, which they do.

"Now we are engaged in a great war, testing whether this combination of nations can effect collective security. Yet, while the United States furnishes half the money and most all the fighting men, another member of the UN — Nationalist China — is prohibited from helping us, while another member of the UN — Soviet Russia — is actively aiding the enemy! Now, I am purposely presenting a one-sided picture, mostly because for seven years you have heard nothing but the other side.

"Seven years ago, sick of the utter wastefulness of war, Ameri-

cans welcomed the prospect of settling differences around the conference table, and so encouraged their Senate to ratify an unconstitutional treaty while Alger Hiss led the way. But then this organization began to reach into our classrooms and tell our children through UNESCO that allegiance to America was bad and wrong, and it began to reach into our homes and tell our sons that they must march away to die on the 50-yard line of some worthless Asiatic peninsula in ever-increasing numbers, while others of the United Nations with only token forces in the field continued to reduce their draft quotas.

"Suddenly we began to realize what George Washington had meant when he cautioned us to avoid entangling alliances. We reflected upon Ben Franklin's advice to love thy neighbour but keep your hedges high!

"We remembered that in 1946 a man named Louis Dolivet wrote a book about the UN before the signatures on the charter were dry. But Trygve Lie wrote the preface to the book, so how were we to know Dolivet would later be identified in sworn testimony as an agent of the Comintern. So we hadn't known

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The Time Schedule of the Divine Program

PART VI

Bible Prophetic Periods Are Astronomical Cycles

IT MAY BE OF INTEREST to examine some of the prophetic periods of the Bible which are astronomical cycles. First, by way of comparison, let us glance at the year of 365¼ days which formed the basis of the old Julian Calendar. The true solar, or tropical, year, being less by 11 minutes, 15 seconds, the difference between this and the Julian amounted to 1 day in 128 years. Hence, between A.D. 325, when the Julian style was adopted, and 1752, when England switched over to the reformed Gregorian style, the error had grown to 11 days, to correct which the 11 days between September 2nd and 14th were struck out of the calendar for that year.

Metonic Cycle — 19 Years

During the fifth century B.C., the Greek philosopher Meton observed that the sun and moon returned to the same relative positions they had occupied 19 years previously. In other words, if a new moon had occurred in the early hours of January 1st, nineteen years later a new moon would again occur on that date and at approximately the same time and place.

With the exactness now possible in astronomical science, this cycle may be expressed thus:

Solar, or tropical, year = 365.24219879 days
Lunar, or synodic, month = 29.5305882 days

Hence:

235 lunar months = 6939.6882270 days
19 solar years = 6939.6017772 days
Difference = 0.0864498 days

or, an error amounting to 1 day in 220 years.

At an early date in the Christian Era, this cycle was made use of to fix the date of Easter. And it still forms the basis of the Golden Numbers in the Tables employed for this purpose which appear in the forefront of the Anglican Prayer Book.

From the prophetic standpoint, 19 solar years contain in round numbers 6940 days, or 3 times 2300 plus 40 days:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times 2300 = 6900 \\ \quad \quad 40 \\ \hline 6940 \end{array}$$

In Daniel 8: 14, 2300 is given for the "cleansing" of the "sanctuary"; and in Ezekiel 4: 6, the number 40 is associated with a chastisement to be inflicted upon the Kingdom of Judah. Thus we find this 19-year Metonic Cycle applying to Judah, Jerusalem and the Throne of David.

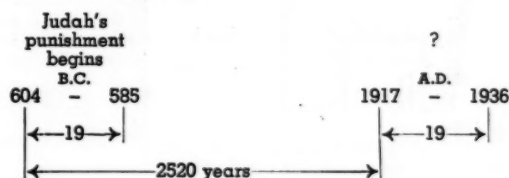
The great Seven Times (2520 years) punishment for Judah began when Nebuchadnezzar became king of Babylon. The nineteen years which followed saw Judah completely subjugated, the Davidic throne overturned and the city and Temple of Jerusalem destroyed.

Confirmation of this may be obtained from Jeremiah 52: 12, where we read that it was in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar that the final blow was struck; and in

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Daniel 2: 38, where the beginning of the Gentile domination of Jerusalem is identified with the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. Hence, a Metonic Cycle marks a critical era both at the commencement of Judah's "Seven Times" (2520 years) term of punishment; and the "Times of the Gentiles," which run concurrently.

In *Light For the Last Days*, * by Dr. Grattan Guinness, published in 1886, the first year of Nebuchadnezzar is given as B.C. 604. "This year, therefore," he says, "has special claims to be considered as a very principal starting-point of the "Times of the Gentiles" and, "measured from it, the period ran out in A.D. 1917." The fact that this year saw Jerusalem set free from Turco-Moslem rule at the time was regarded as confirming fulfillment; and subsequent events have all tended to confirm that the closing epoch was then entered. Marking off nineteen years from the start of each, we have:



According to prophecy the termination of the 2520 years should see restoration not only for the Holy City, but for Judah and the Throne of David. Before examining the terminal 19-year epoch of 1917-1936, let us glance at two of the periods which comprise the "Seven Times."

Seven Times — 2520 Years

2520 has been designated the "king of numbers." Being the least common multiple of the first 10 numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, each divide into it without remainder. It is also the product of the four perfect numbers, 3, 7, 10 and 12:

$$3 \times 7 \times 10 \times 12 = 2520$$

and of the numbers from 3 to 7 inclusive:

$$3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 7 = 2520$$

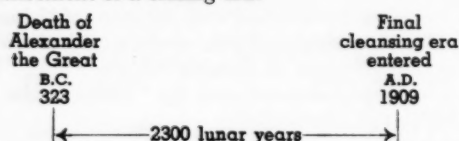
The half-period of this number, viz., 1260, is referred to in the Scriptures variously as "a time, times and a half," "forty and two months" and "a thousand, two hundred and threescore days."

Another important number related to the "Seven Times" is 2300, which in Daniel 8: 14 is associated with the prophecy of the "he goat," the "great horn" of which smote and destroyed the "ram." Students are generally agreed that this "he goat" stands for Greece; the "ram" with the two horns for the Medo-Persian empire; and the "great horn" of the "goat" for Alexander the Great, whose death in B.C. 323 is represented by the breaking of this "horn." The 2300 days (years) represent the Divinely-

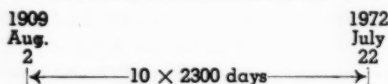
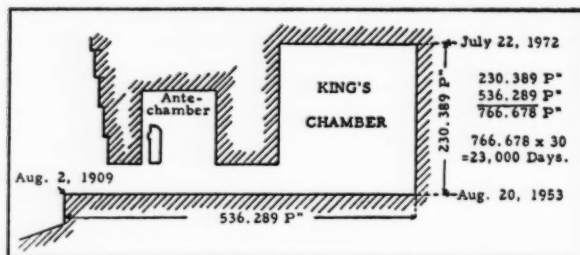
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appointed period from this epoch of Alexander the Great to that when at last the "sanctuary" shall be cleansed, preparatory to God's Kingdom being established on earth.

Now, from Alexander's death, 2300 lunar years bring us to 1909 A.D. when sweeping changes occurred in the constitution of old Turkey — the Moslem power that for so long had trodden down Jerusalem. But at the expiration of the period, we read: "Then shall the sanctuary be cleansed," indicating not so much a closing year as the commencement of a closing era:



Great Pyramid students are well aware that on August 2, 1909 the Horizontal Platform was entered which extends to August 20, 1953. If the inch-to-30-days scale is intended to extend upwards from thence to the top of the King's Chamber, the date reached is July 22, 1972 — which is indeed remarkable, for a simple calculation will show that the entire period, August 2, 1909 to July 22, 1972, measures exactly 10×2300 days.



Daniel Cycles

It was in the middle of the eighteenth century that a Swiss astronomer, De Cheseaux, discovered the astronomical significance of the two periods, 1260 and 2300, and, moreover, that their difference, 1040, was the most accurate soli-lunar cycle then known.

Based on present values for the tropical, or solar, year and the synodic, or lunar, month:

$$\begin{aligned} 1260 \text{ solar years} &= 460205.1704880 \text{ days} \\ 15584 \text{ lunar months} &= 460204.6865088 \text{ days} \\ \text{Difference} &= 0.4839792 \text{ days} \end{aligned}$$

or, an error amounting to 1 day in 2603 years.

$$\begin{aligned} 2300 \text{ solar years} &= 840057.057240 \text{ days} \\ 28447 \text{ lunar months} &= 840056.642525 \text{ days} \\ \text{Difference} &= 0.414715 \text{ days} \end{aligned}$$

or, an error amounting to 1 day in 5546 years.

Observing how close were the above errors, De Cheseaux concluded that their difference, 1040 solar years, would be a cycle of much greater accuracy:

$$\begin{aligned} 1040 \text{ solar years} &= 379851.8867520 \text{ days} \\ 12863 \text{ lunar months} &= 379851.9560166 \text{ days} \\ \text{Difference} &= 0.0692646 \text{ days} \end{aligned}$$

or, an error amounting to 1 day in 15,015 years.

Guinness put these findings of De Cheseaux to practical use. Taking the above cycle as a basis for calculation, he drew up *Astronomical Tables*, covering more than 600 pages, giving the dates in days, hours and minutes, of all the vernal equinoxes and mean true new moons for 3555 years. This work comprehended 101,217 solar and lunar dates, 87,938 new moons and 4862 true full moons connected with lunar eclipses. In regard to accuracy he was able to say:

"The correctness of the Tables is proved by their correspondence with historically recorded dates, and especially with more than 12,000 solar and lunar eclipses, ancient and modern, including all the calculated eclipses in Oppolzer's *Canon der Finsternisse*, up to A.D. 1934.

"The whole of these Tables have been calculated by means of the prophetic Times in the Book of Daniel. Those Times are soli-lunar cycles of long range and great accuracy; and the adjustment of the prophetic Times in the Book of Daniel to soli-lunar cycles is but part of the adjustment of the whole system of revealed chronology to the time order of nature." *

Testimonials acknowledging the value of these Tables were received from astronomers the world over. Dr. Downing, then Superintendent of the *Nautical Almanac*, wrote: "Your Tables may be used with the greatest confidence." Commendations came from Berlin, Breslau, Zurich, Padua, Milan, Paris, etc., from the Lick Observatory, from Simon Newcomb of the Nautical Office, Washington, and one that may be of particular interest to DESTINY readers from B. A. Gould, Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who wrote:

"This extensive work cannot fail to be of great service to investigators of chronological problems, as also to astronomers who require a knowledge of the position of the moon at any date during the interval of 35½ centuries extending from the earliest authentic history to an epoch still in the future."

While this evidence is sufficient to demonstrate the astronomical importance of these Daniel numbers, it is only a part of what is now available.

More recently another scientist, the late Dr. Bell Dawson of Canada, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.C., Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers and of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, applying himself to a closer investigation, made a discovery, the significance of which will be apparent from extracts quoted below, taken from a paper read before the Royal Society of Canada and the Prophecy Investigation Society in London:

"The two prophetic numbers with which we have to deal are 2300 and 1260 days. The latter of these is styled in the Book of Daniel (7: 25 and 12: 7), 'time, times and a half.' This expression is explained in Revelation (12: 6 and 14) as the equivalent of 1260 days, or years — the prophetic 'time' being 360 years. These numbers are important in their relation to the period termed in Scripture, 'the Times of the Gentiles' (Luke 21: 24 and Rev. 11: 2 and 3). Both solar and lunar years are represented by days in prophecy.

"The prophetic numbers furnish cycles of three types out of the four which are possible, viz:

- 1) The solar year and the day.
- 2) The lunar year and the day.
- 3) The solar year and the lunar month.
- 4) The solar year and the lunar year.

"This last is described as the 'highest type of cycle which will harmonize the solar year of the seasons with the lunar year of

* On This Rock, p. 150.

twelve lunations, by bringing these two periods into a simple arithmetical relation to each other. *This is the soli-lunar cycle of the first importance; and it stands on a higher plane than any cycle used for calendar purposes. No solution has been found for this type of cycle, except from the prophetic numbers revealed in Daniel.*"

Bell Dawson then explained how, when reducing the numbers 2300 and 1260 from lunar into solar years, he found that the decimal fractions added up almost exactly to unity; hence, the mean of these two periods, or their half sum, should prove to be an exact number of solar years:

$$\frac{1}{2} (2300 \text{ plus } 1260) = 1780 \text{ lunar} = 1727 \text{ solar years}$$

which is the highest type of cycle; as it brings the lunar year of twelve lunations into accord with the solar year, and affords a simple ratio between the two. "*This latter cycle, 1727 years,*" he says, "*is thus superior to the 1040 cycle discovered by De Cheseaux which only harmonizes the year with the lunar month.*"

$$\begin{array}{r} 1727 \text{ solar years} = 630773.2773276 \text{ days} \\ 1260 \text{ lunar months} = 630773.3639520 \text{ days} \\ \text{Difference} = \quad \quad \quad 0.0866244 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

or, an error amounting to 1 day in 19,937 years.

Some years ago the writer discussed the subject of these Daniel cycles with a friend, Dr. R. H. Pelham, M.A., Ph.D., who wrote to the Astronomer Royal, Greenwich, for confirmation. In reply Sir Harold Spencer Jones gave precise details of the 1040 and 1727 cycles, and pointed out also that the following even closer relationships exist:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1021 \text{ solar years} = 372912.2849748 \text{ days} \\ 12628 \text{ lunar months} = 372912.2677896 \text{ days} \\ \text{Difference} = \quad \quad \quad 0.0171852 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

or, an error amounting to 1 day in 59,412 years.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1708 \text{ solar years} = 623833.6755504 \text{ days} \\ 21125 \text{ lunar months} = 623833.6757250 \text{ days} \\ \text{Difference} = \quad \quad \quad 0.0001746 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

or, an error amounting to 1 day in 9,782,300 years.

How were these results obtained?

Evidently by deducting the Metonic Cycle from both the 1040 cycle discovered by De Cheseaux, and the 1727 cycle discovered by Bell Dawson; for by taking the fractional error of the former from those of the latter, we have

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the figures given by the Astronomer Royal. Thus:

$$\begin{array}{r} 19\text{-year Cycle—difference} = .0864498 \text{ days} \\ 1040 \text{ Cycle—difference} = .0692646 \text{ days} \\ \quad \quad \quad .0171852 \text{ days} \\ 1727 \text{ Cycle—difference} = .0866244 \text{ days} \\ 19\text{-year Cycle—difference} = .0864498 \text{ days} \\ \quad \quad \quad .0001746 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

Or, stated perhaps in simpler terms, while the 1040 cycle shows an error of 1 second in every 63 days, and the 1727 cycle an error of 1 second in every 84 days, the 1708 cycle shows an error of less than 1 second in 100 years! And the latter, be it observed, is a combination of the three prophetic cycles revealed in Daniel and Jeremiah:

- 1260 years—(doubled) now ending the period of servitude known as the Times of the Gentiles.
- 2300 years—now ending in an epoch of "cleansing."
- 19 years—which, at the commencement, saw the casting-off of Judah, now apparently operating, as we shall show, in stages of restoration.

Thus we have:

$$\frac{1}{2} (1260 \text{ plus } 2300 \text{ lunar years}) \text{ minus } 19 \text{ solar years} = 1708 \text{ solar years—the Perfect Cycle!}$$

How could these cycles have found their way into the Bible other than by Divine inspiration?

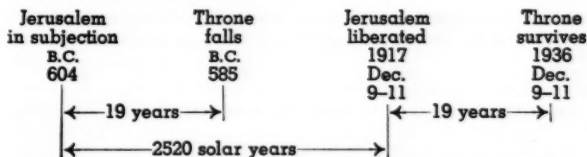
19 Years — the Restoration Cycle

From various prophecies it is evident that the final restoration will affect not only Israel and Judah, but Palestine, Jerusalem and the Throne of David. The sign it had begun, given by our Lord, would be the liberation of Jerusalem:

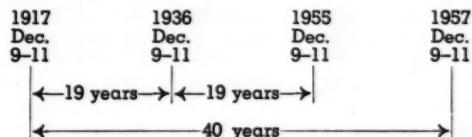
"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21: 24.)

This took place December 9-11, 1917, when Moslem-Turkey surrendered the Holy City to a British army under General Allenby.

As 19 years from 604 B.C. saw the Davidic throne overturned and Zedekiah, the reigning monarch, deposed; did 19 years from December 9-11, 1917, bring a like crisis which at the same time had a stabilizing effect? Actually it did so, for it brought the abdication crisis and the accession of King George VI.



The Exodus of Israel from the bondage of Egypt is typical of Israel's exodus from Gentile bondage at the end of the age. The period of the wilderness having been 40 years, which was shortened to 38 years (two Metonic Cycles), Deuteronomy 2: 14, will these periods be repeated, as follows?

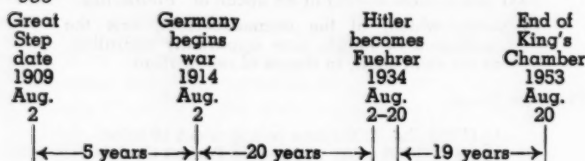


In many respects Hitler resembled Nebuchadnezzar.

Whom they would they slew, nations and peoples trembled before them, their hearts were lifted up and their minds hardened in pride. But while Nebuchadnezzar overcame his enemies, Hitler failed to do so and was destroyed.

It was when Hindenburg died, August 2, 1934, that Hitler assumed full power and combined the office of Chancellor with that of President. Calling upon the German people to support him in his action, an election, held August 19th, secured for him an overwhelming majority. Henceforth, Hitler became the Fuehrer.

Now August 2, 1934, was exactly 20 years after Germany entered World War I, August 2, 1914; also 25 years to a day from August 2, 1909, the date of the Great Step in the Great Pyramid; while August 19-20, 1934, when Hitler was elected Fuehrer, was 19 years prior to August 19-20, 1953.



In Jeremiah's thirty-first chapter, where Israel's final restoration is promised, God points to the sun and moon and His ordinances of the day and night as a pledge that He will fulfill His Word. Thus, in our studies, we find the history of Israel's abasement and restoration ordered according to a chronological plan measured by cycles which harmonize solar and lunar movements.

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what he meant when we read where he said many governments — and for that matter their peoples too — have not yet realized the full impact of the document they have signed and ratified and the organization of which they have become members. And some of us reread with new understanding the words of Rudolph Menshinsky who was the Russian Consul General in Berlin when he said: 'We should promise all that is asked and as much as one likes as long as we can get something tangible in return, and as long as there are idiots to take our signatures seriously.'

"Suddenly such words pinched us awake and we began to look around and we saw thousands of Americans a day marching away and a thousand of them a week soaking up Communist ammunition, while France of the UN continued to send iron and steel to the enemy, while Britain of the UN continued to deliver rubber and jet engines through Hong Kong to the enemy, while Russia of the UN supplied artillery, planes and pilots to shoot down American sons who thought they were fighting a UN war.

"But this was not all — even this was not all! Suddenly some loyal patriots from within our congress, statesmen of the stature of McCarran and Ferguson, and Smith and O'Connor and others, quietly started asking questions and discovered that, not only were we entertaining the enemy in New York while they were shooting our sons in Korea, but that members of our American delegation, spawned by Hiss and protected by Acheson — men and women charged with looking out for our best interests in this world organization, charged with representing the interests of the American boys who are dying under this mongrel flag — that among these, our own employees in the UN Secretariat, were a score or more who refused to pledge allegiance to the United States. Why, there was a Miss Ruth Crawford, a \$9,000 a year writer for the UN, a card-carrying, dues-paying member of the Communist party since 1935 and she has never severed that connection and she'll tell you bluntly to your face that she never intends to.

"Our investigators were amazed and ashamed and then they

began to get mad. Of the next twenty important top-bracket United States employees in the UN, the Senate subcommittee heard eighteen of that twenty refuse to say whether they were Communists. One admitted aiding the Red underground; one transferred citizenship from the United States to Russia. Another of our UN Americans (which is spelled the same as un-American!) refused to say whether he is presently engaged in espionage against the United States and you, Mr. Trygve Lie, bleat about indiscriminate smears and exaggerated charges.

"Why, Senator O'Connor came out of one of those hearings aghast. 'American traitors,' he said, 'are actively identified with the United Nations.' Pat McCarran told me the other day that the real reason Trygve Lie is resigning as Secretary-General of the UN is that he is afraid of what this investigation has turned up and what it is going to turn up in January.

"Now traitors didn't sneak into our UN delegation without warning; most were previously employed by our government. Many have been under loyalty investigations before. The FBI has files on all of them, files available to and called to the attention of higher authorities. Many have been summoned before federal grand juries, but the Senate Judiciary Committee has irrefutable information that the State Department purposely interfered with grand jury probes and protected these traitors.

"In August of 1948 a committee appointed by George Marshall tried to whitewash this crowd; said there was no evidence of treason. At the same time this committee officially approved what was going on, Judy Coplon and Valentin Gubitchiev were meeting on a New York street corner passing our secrets to Moscow.

"Meanwhile, speeches in the UN record show that Russia is talking ten times as much as the United States, word for word. Why? Because 40% of what is said we broadcast shortwave. I mean we are broadcasting these Red propaganda tirades against the United States over the Voice of America facilities to the rest of the world. Senator Pat McCarran said it: 'A grave fraud has been perpetrated against the American people.' The Pentagon and the Atomic Energy Commission are frankly disturbed by the inability of the United States to keep any of its military secrets. Do you wonder? Senator Willis Smith said it: 'The United Nations should either purge itself of spies and saboteurs or get out of the United States!'

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THE H-BOMB FACTOR has to be taken into most serious account in all strategic planning. Developments in both Russia and America force this upon us. Since early 1950 we have been receiving reports of very considerable Russian progress in this field of research. Moreover, we have received reports that a number of successful experiments have, in fact, already taken place. It is known that Pontecorvo was given until September 1952 in which to complete the first part of a project of which he was made the head. This project is primarily connected with H-bomb research. Earlier this year we received a precise report that one of Pontecorvo's most advanced experiments was to take place in July 1952. Circumstantial evidence continues to suggest that the Soviet Union may still be in advance of America owing to Mr. Truman's slow-down policy.

Since both sides do now possess this potential, there are good grounds for hoping that neither will ever use it. This argument does not apply so forcibly to certain other atomic weapons of a very unpleasant, though less decisive, kind. But when it comes to H-bombs, we face total destruction if both sides use them in quantity.

It is strange that many people, though faced with the possibility of world-wide catastrophe, are bitterly resentful of the thought that, before such an occurrence could take place, there may well be sovereign intervention by Almighty God. Why, in the thoughts of some, this should be less preferable than immeasurable catastrophe or age-long fear of what might at any time occur it is difficult to know.

The entire faith and creeds of all the Christian Churches, of all denominations, from the very beginning of our era right down to this moment have categorically affirmed that a situation of this very kind would develop and that, at the critical point of its development, a Sovereign intervention was the supreme promise of the world. What now actually faces us was anticipated by the Christian Church.

During the recent Communist Party Congress, a number of private conferences took place behind closed doors. Molotov expressed the strongest view that Russia should follow a more aggressive policy and should attempt the subjugation of the whole European continent at an early date. He argued that to postpone such action would deprive Russia forever of her chance of world conquest. Voroshilov, Khrushchev and certain French and Italian Communist leaders spoke in strong support of Molotov.

Mikoyan, who has the reputation of being a brilliant economist, strongly opposed Molotov's views. His speech is said to have made a considerable impression. He admitted that, from a purely military point of view, Western Europe would be comparatively easy to conquer and that the Red armies could quickly reach the Atlantic coast. But he argued that the consolidation of such a conquest would be long and hazardous. He said that the complicated Western economic system, built up over many centuries, would break down under the conditions of extreme chaos which would be caused by a Russian advance, and that the Soviet Union might be faced with widespread discontent amongst the masses who would dislike the consequences of such a conquest. The political and economic results, he said, might not be favorable to Russia in the long run. He also argued that, strong though the Soviet Union now is, she does not possess enough strength to consolidate such a conquest and that America would

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launch a counteroffensive on a world scale, which would have a good chance of success. Finally, he said that, if the Americans succeeded in defeating the Russian armies on a foreign field, the regime at home might collapse. In his lecture, he strongly urged that Russia should continue the cold war, concentrating on Asia and the Middle East. Such a policy, he argued, would undermine the economic structure of the capitalist countries which "would eventually fall like rotten apples into the Soviet lap."

The outcome of the whole business was to appoint a committee of military and economic experts to study the controversy. This committee is to submit its findings to the Presidium of the Central Committee.

Soviet Espionage

THE Mau Mau movement has aroused the interest of the whole world. Other movements of different kinds, to be found all over Africa, are all alike either inspired or being used by the Soviet Union. There is a special Russian staff working on the project of sabotaging the African continent, with the objects of making it impossible to use Africa as a strategic base in case of war and of retarding its economic development, upon which the prosperity of Western Europe so largely depends. It is this staff which is organizing the entire subversive movement throughout the African continent. If our counterespionage services will follow the movements of these persons, they will discover everything they want to know. If this staff can be broken up, Russia's most secret and important projects in all parts of Africa will receive a crushing blow.

Atomic Artillery

EARLY in September the Czech army held maneuvers in South Bohemia. Military sources report that Czech heavy artillery put down a barrage behind the enemy front line. The umpires depicted this as an atomic shell barrage. As a result of this, the enemy was supposed to have been entirely cut off from his rear for several hours. During that time — so the umpires said — the enemy front line forces were totally destroyed. The important point, however, is that maneuvers based on the assumption of the participation of atomic artillery would hardly have been held unless the Russians had actually become possessed of such weapons. A highly secret factory is operating in the neighborhood of the Chu River.

The trend of Soviet policy is becoming clearer. Military preparations, the conditioning of the population and economic developments all fall into a common pattern

of preparation for aggressive war. This is borne out by reports on military matters in the satellite countries. The great remaining uncertainty is as to timing. There are indications that the Soviet leaders now have in mind a zero date; that is, a date on which they plan to have reached the apex of military and economic preparations.

One of the chief aims of the recent meetings and congresses held throughout the U.S.S.R. was the conditioning of the population. There was not one meeting but stressed as its main themes vigilance in the face of espionage by American "warmongers" and preparation against American "provocation and aggression." The spy scare is well organized and sustained by verbal propaganda. Our observers in several areas report that alarmist rumors have been spread about American spies and saboteurs having been dropped by parachute in this or that place. Such rumors create not only great nervousness but a degree of willingness to accept drastic measures from the regime. The population becomes ready to accept these alleged events as a reasonable excuse for the oppressive acts of the authorities.

It is a peculiar characteristic of the Russian people that, while they are often skeptical about more soberly expressed official propaganda and press statements, they have a naïve faith in all kinds of rumors. The authorities are turning this to their own advantage. It should be noted by Western intelligence services that the true intentions of the Kremlin may be indicated just as much by the trend of officially inspired rumors, even of the wildest kind, as by official press and radio statements and the discourses of statesmen.

The manpower strength of the Red air force is to be raised from 750,000 to 1,150,000 during the next 18 months. A new night fighter, said to be superior to any type hitherto known, is being prepared. We have no details of its characteristics or the stage of development which it has reached. During the summer a new helicopter was tested. It is said — with what truth we do not know — to have solved a hitherto baffling problem by reaching a speed of 500 kilometers an hour, flying horizontally. None of our observers has yet seen this machine but they believe in its existence.

The Narcotics Trade

IT is a well known fact that the trade in narcotics has been increasing, especially in the dollar area. Both the official antinarcotic agencies and the Western intelligence services are becoming increasingly concerned about this sudden increase in supplies and the wider distribution of habit-forming drugs of the more dangerous kind.

Right down to the ultimate distributors, the whole thing is largely financed by the Red governments. A great deal of capital is needed to set such complex organizations in motion. Lack of capital considerably restricted this nefarious trade when it was exclusively in private hands. The promise of considerable profits throughout the marketing chain makes it easy to recruit unscrupulous but astute and able individuals for this trade. But those taking part become, *ipso facto*, criminals and, therefore, targets for blackmail. It is not difficult to see how such men are put into the position of having to do whatever they are told, under threat of being denounced to the police. There is every likelihood that this ring will become a valuable espionage organization, world wide in scope, and having

at its disposal dupes, accomplices and victims in all walks of life all over the world — including some men and women in very responsible positions. The whole thing should be tackled with the utmost energy.

Communist Offensive in Liberia

DURING the last twelve months, Soviet funds for subversive activities on the African continent have more than trebled. Agents are increasing in number, using several avenues of entry. A clear distinction should be made between Communist activities in North Africa amongst the Arabs and those amongst the Negroes. Work amongst the Arabs is of long standing. Work on any substantial scale amongst the Negroes is comparatively recent and dates from the latter part of the second world war.

There are reports from every corner of Africa that something big is afoot. A decisive blow — or one that Moscow hopes will be decisive — is being prepared. That is quite certain. Two of the weakest points are Liberia and Ethiopia. Agents specially trained for Liberia are about to begin their work and are already at their posts.

President Tubman of Liberia is in the late 50's. He is well educated, dynamic and authoritarian. He is generous to his friends and extremely unpleasant to his enemies. He dislikes office work and likes to spend a great deal of money. Most people say that he uses his position to his own financial benefit. With a degenerate and corrupt group of less than five per cent of the population ruling these hordes, the conditions for a disruptive movement are ideal, especially if the natives are approached through their primitive superstitions.

Latin America

WE have received a number of reports from our observers in different parts of South America. The political situations are highly relevant to the general international situation because the governments of some of those countries maintain power almost entirely by exploiting anti-foreign and especially anti-U. S. sentiments.

Viewing the South American scene as a whole, it appears that Communist strategy is evolving in two directions. There are the countries where the Communists are backing the maintenance or establishment of nationalist or Peronist regimes. (We use the term "nationalist" in its most exclusive sense.) These are the Argentine, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. There is also a tendency in this direction in Brazil but it has not developed so far as in the Spanish-speaking countries.

In these areas the Communists cooperate with the nationalists and take positions in the unions. They seek to influence every aspect of public life and government policy. They make no revolutionary propaganda but are satisfied with any regime which opposes U. S. interests and influence. The aim is to prevent any common defense front with the Western world. They are not afraid of using revolutionary methods. But they do not do so under their own label. By these means they hope to lull U. S. suspicions.

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Unchanging China



CHINA is the country which confounds all the philosophies of history and presents a challenge to all the world's religions, not least to Christianity. Three times the Christian faith has been preached in China: in the Middle Ages when missionaries from both Nestorianism and Catholic Christianity reached the Middle Kingdom; in the missionary movement which accompanied (sometimes as a willing ally) the Spanish and Portuguese expansion into the Pacific in the 16th and 17th centuries; finally in the great Protestant missionary effort of the past hundred years.

On each occasion great hopes have been entertained of the conversion of China to Christ; on each occasion the work has failed to affect more than perhaps 1% of the whole huge Chinese people. This need not surprise those who remember that by the year of our Lord 1000, Europe was not by any means wholly Christian.

But the essential tragedy of the present repulse of Christianity in China lies in Communism's bid for the soul of that country. Mao Tse-tung is the head of a Communist government which is trying to turn China into a Communist fifth of the world. We may find consolation or a warning in the history of China. She has swallowed many curious philosophies in the past and remained traditionally Chinese. There can be few political surprises for the Chinese. They are the oldest community in the world, the only one which can claim a national continuity over 4,000 years old.

China has a longer history than any nation in the world. Egypt can be traced further into the period B.C., but there is not the same racial continuity between King Farouk's Egypt and that of the ancient dynasties as there is between Red China and the China of the Old Empire. China's history begins 4,000 to 5,000 years ago and is it not wonderful that the Chinese have always tended to regard outside races as mere barbarians or foreign devils? In the 18th century an Emperor of China deigned to notice the King of Great Britain, but only to the effect that "George" and George's emissaries should keep out of China.

China, like ancient Egypt, has had many dynasties. The earliest, the Hsia dynasty, began in 2205 B.C. according to the legendary history of China. When we reach properly recorded history with the Chou dynasty, we find that the princes of the Chou line reigned for nine centuries, from 1122 B.C. This is a period as long as the time which separates us from the Battle of Hastings; during that time we have had at least five ruling families even if we do not count the subdivisions of the Plantagenet dynasty, such as the houses of Lancaster and York. Yet these nine centuries of the Chou finished in 249 B.C. before Britain was even heard of and when the Roman Empire was in its infancy under the Roman Republic, the African continent was nine-tenths unknown and over most of Europe and Asia savage tribes wandered in search of food.

There is a curious repetitive rhythm in Chinese history. As soon as the Chinese were able to build a stable civilization, the same phenomena recurred. Powerful leaders succeeded in unifying China, waged war against the nomadic peoples to the north and west; these leaders founded imperial families which gradually declined in vigor. Then the vast empire would break up in disorder and petty war lords misgovern the country until once more there would emerge a tyrant more powerful than the rest. He refounded the empire, extended its boundaries, and China's neighbors would again tremble before her.

Thus, as the Chou became more and more degenerate, a large number of independent states arose in China. It was known as the Age of Confusion. During this period Confucius appeared and it was his misfortune that none of the princes of his time could appreciate him.

From this state of degeneracy China was rescued by an able ruthless soldier who made himself ruler of the whole country. He had no time for the old ideas, so he burnt all the classical texts he could seize. He built the Great Wall of China. His name was Shi Huang Ti and after some worthless princes — one of them used to light the beacon fires on the Great Wall to amuse his

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mistresses — his place and projects were taken over by the Han dynasty. This reigned in China for some five centuries — contemporary with most of Roman history — and conquered as far as Bactria, Sinkiang and into Korea. Goods were exchanged with Rome, which was too far away to fight, and a Chinese Embassy reached Persia.

The story which was now becoming an old one repeated itself. As the Han declined there were centuries of disunion. Foreigners obtained control of parts of China, until in 618 A.D. the T'Ang dynasty gained power, reunited China and made her the strongest empire in the world. Chinese armies invaded Korea, Turkistan, Tibet, and northwest Korea. Chinese claims to some eastern countries like Tibet are over a thousand years old.

China has always been able to absorb foreign ideas without harming herself unduly. In the ages of confusion before the T'Ang dynasty, Buddhism was introduced, but it quickly became adapted to Chinese ways and a Chinese has never found it difficult to profess Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism at one and the same time. Again, when the inevitable decline of the T'Ang dynasty brought China under the rule of the Tartars and Kublai Khan became Emperor, there was little to distinguish Chinese from Tartar. Chinese armies penetrated into Cambodia, Burma and Java, and attempted the invasion of Japan.

After a century of Tartar rule a native dynasty, the Mings, succeeded to power for 300 years. Annam and Ceylon became subject to China and the Chinese invaded Korea.

Under all these successive rulers Chinese culture and thought continued to flourish. The arts were cultivated with the most exquisite taste. Foreigners who entered China were assimilated as rapidly as foreign ideas.

The last imperial house, that of the Manchus, came to power in 1644. It forced Burma, Cochin China and Korea to pay tribute; Manchuria, Mongolia, Tibet and Turkistan were

conquered. In the 19th century western ideas at last began to enter China. Sir Edward Creasy thought China would eventually be conquered by the Americans. The new ferment in China proved fatal to the Manchus who were deposed in 1912.

Since then the familiar cycle of Chinese history has revolved. Disunity, attacks from foreigners and ravages by internal factions and Chinese war lords; then the triumph of one leader and the unification of China under him. It is ironical that under Mao Tse-tung, Tibet and Korea have been invaded. Evidently the new ideas of Communism are being adapted to Chinese ends. If history be any teacher, the exponents of Communism, as well as its adversaries, had better look to themselves. China, united and strong, is a conquering power. Where will she be found ranged in the last great fight of all? All her spiritual principles should range her on the side of right in Armageddon; the foreign devil she now embraces indeed is a worse guest than she has ever before entertained.

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Now turn to the 17th chapter of John's Gospel, where the prayer of our Lord is recorded that He offered to His Father just before going to the cross. It is our Lord's particular petition concerning those who have believed on Him through the Word (verse 20). They are those whom the Father has given Him, whose cause He pleads. The prayer in its petition-clauses on their behalf reads like a will, and is our Lord's last bequest — His will and testament — regarding His own. Listen as He makes His request:

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me . . . with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. . . . And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them. . . . Father I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me." (John 17: 5-24.)

Where is that place to which our Lord desires they may be brought, and where they may behold and share His Glory? The Scriptures assure us that Jesus is "on the right hand of God" (Mark 16: 19) and "of power" (Mark 14: 62; Luke 22: 69); on "the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" (Heb. 1: 3; 8: 1; 12: 2.)

Says Paul, "Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col. 3: 1), and in

his Epistle to the Ephesians (Eph. 1: 20-22) he says:

"He raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet."

Peter adds, "Angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" (I Peter 3: 22). And this exalted Christ, says Paul again, is "the head over all things to the church, which is his body" (Eph. 1: 22; Col. 1: 18).

Thus is plainly declared the resurrection-relationship, or status, of those who are "in Christ," to be realized at the translation when Christ comes in the air to receive them unto Himself (I Thess. 4: 14-17). No wonder the apostle adds that his prayer to God is that He "may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation . . . the eyes

of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints [or, as Ferrar Fenton translates, "what is the glorious wealth of His inheritance for the holy"], and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe" (Eph. 1: 17-19).

Here, then, is the third multitude — "Those that be with Him," who are to be manifested, together with the Son, "in the time of His day." Well has one said: "It means something to be a Christian" — a member of "the body" of Christ. How very much it is going to mean "in the day time," when we who are with Him shall enter upon that "glorious wealth of His inheritance for the holy" and reign with Him when He sets His hand to that grand work of restoration for which all creation is waiting.

An Emerging Civilization

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WE ARE PLEASED to announce a new book just published by C. R. Dickey, the author of *One Man's Destiny*. In it some pertinent questions are asked and answered, among them the following: What lies ahead? Is there hope for our generation — or the next? If universal war breaks out, what is its aftermath?

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Signs to This Generation

WHEN JESUS SAID, "Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled," He was referring to the events that would bring the present age to its close. He likened the time to both the days of Noah and those of Lot. In Matthew's account of the Olivet discourse, in which He outlined the important developments leading to His second advent, Jesus said:

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matt. 24: 37-39.)

Matthew does not mention Lot, but Luke's account of what Jesus said about Noah is succeeded by an account of our Lord's reference to Lot:

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife." (Luke 17: 28-32.)

Noah and Lot

Let us carefully analyze the two records of these important historical happenings as they involved Noah and Lot. That the accounts have an analogous meaning that we are to give heed to cannot be questioned because Jesus only referred to them because of their significance in this respect. However, they cannot be treated as identical in their application to "this generation." Noah was saved from destruction and the people among whom he dwelt were taken away. Lot, on the other hand, was taken out of the city, after which the city and its inhabitants perished in a fiery holocaust. The accounts are essentially different and Noah is a sign to some in this generation and Lot a sign to others. Our task is to identify the two classifications of people to whom Noah and Lot were to be a sign.

Noah remained upon the earth and was preserved from destruction when the flood overwhelmed the antediluvian world and swept all of its inhabitants away. Following the Deluge Noah instituted a reign of righteousness, for God authorized him to establish rule by government in the earth and administer justice under His equitable laws. Noah was a Preacher of Righteousness (II Peter 2: 5) and was therefore commissioned to establish the rule of righteousness in the new order of the ages following the Deluge.

Noah, a Preacher of Righteousness

Is Noah, therefore, representative of the people of God, the citizens of His Kingdom, who were called to be a "kingdom of priests"; that is, a nation administering righteousness? It is they who are to be preserved through tribulation and will be saved out of it to establish the New

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Order of the Ages. This being so, it would then follow that Lot represents the "righteous ones among the holy ones" (see *Study in Daniel*, p. 189-90 *) who are to be taken out of the time of trouble that is coming upon the earth to try the souls of men. It is quite significant that Luke mentions Lot while Matthew does not, for Luke was addressing his message particularly to those who are to escape the coming tribulation:

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21: 36.)

Lot, a Righteous Man

Although Lot was not a preacher of righteousness, he was nevertheless a righteous man. Peter states this in his summation of God's acts of judgment:

"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly. And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample [example] unto those that after should live ungodly. And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)" (II Peter 2: 5-8.)

A Wicked Generation

Lot dwelt among ungodly people and his very presence among them, and his example of righteousness, angered them, for the men of Sodom resented his condemnation of their wickedness (Gen. 19: 9). Evidently Lot was a man of some prominence in Sodom, for the opening verse of Genesis 19 states that "Lot sat in the gate of Sodom," indicative of the fact that he was a judge.

Some may be inclined to question the reference to Lot as a type of the overcomers, but it should be realized that Lot himself was righteous even though he lived in a thoroughly wicked generation. Even his own family were not sympathetic with his desire to serve and obey God, nor did they persevere in works of righteousness, as the record reveals.

Angelic Intervention

While Noah was preserved through faith, in that he built an ark, Lot was taken out by intervention on the part of angels. Does this latter fact presage the event of which Jesus was speaking when He said:

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matt. 24: 31.)

Lot was hastened out of the city of Sodom by angels just before the cities of the plain were overthrown by fire and brimstone from heaven. Was this destruction accomplished by a blast of atomic heat, perhaps by a fiery meteor from

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the heavens that plunged to earth, annihilating the cities of the plain? It is significant that scientists are now speaking of the fire and heat of the sun being brought to the surface of the earth by the explosion of the hydrogen bomb. We can be certain of one thing: the overcomers are going to be spared the necessity to experience the worst phase of the tribulation when atomic fires begin to burn in their full fury upon the earth as the result of the shaking of the powers of heaven, just as Lot was saved from the fiery blast that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

Judgment Stayed

The angels informed Lot that they could do nothing until he had escaped from the city:

"Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither." (Gen. 19: 22.)

Does this indicate that the fierce anger of the Lord is stayed from executing final judgment upon the inhabitants of the earth until the deliverance of those who are to escape has been accomplished? If this is true, it accounts for the fact that God continues to restrain the forces of evil, holding them back when a particularly crucial period seems to have been reached, apparently waiting until the hour strikes when the removal of the righteous will occur.

Order of Events

The order of events during the evening and night prior to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah should have careful consideration. Lot was sitting in the Gate of Sodom when two angels entered the city. He urged them to go with him to his house for the night and during the night the men of the city surrounded his house and demanded that he turn the strangers over to them. Lot refused and as the mob sought to break down the door of his house the angels struck them with blindness so that they could not find it and gain entrance.

Lot was thereupon warned of the coming destruction of Sodom and was told to tell his sons and sons-in-law and his married daughters to flee from the city because of what God was going to do. Lot went to them during the night, but the record states that he seemed as one who mocked to his sons-in-law. These happenings consumed most of the night: that is, the violence of the mob, as well as the time Lot spent in warning of coming destruction. The account continues:

"When dawn appeared, the angels urged Lot on, saying, 'Be-stir yourself; take away your wife and the two daughters that are at hand, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.' " (Gen. 19: 15, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

This reference to dawn was not the full rising of the sun because Lot was entering Zoar as the sun arose that morning. Dawn evidently was a reference to the eastern sky beginning to show evidence that the night would soon end. Very likely the morning star had arisen and the first faint streaks of light were heralding the dawn.

Lot pleaded that he might flee to Zoar rather than to the mountains and his request was granted. Although later he had to go to the mountains, the fact that he was allowed to enter Zoar gives a definite indication of the hour he left Sodom:

"Just as the sun rose over the earth and Lot entered Zoar, the Lord rained sulphur and fire from the sky on Sodom and Gomor-

rah, devastating those cities and all the valley, with all the inhabitants of the cities and the vegetation on the land." (Gen. 19: 23-25, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

Lot's entry into Zoar was therefore about six o'clock in the morning. The journey from Sodom to Zoar would consume an hour or more, for the cities were approximately five or six miles apart, and Lot and his two daughters, fleeing in haste lest they also perish in the destruction of Sodom, would arrive there sooner than if the journey had been a leisurely one. This would place Lot's departure from Sodom somewhere between the hours of four and five o'clock in the morning. Let those who are wise carefully note the time that Lot left Sodom. It was before sunrise and therefore during the closing hours of the ancient Israel Third, or Morning, Watch.

His Appearing

Another point of importance in relation to both Noah and Lot is that Jesus associates the coming of the Son of man in power with the sign of Noah according to the account given in Matthew. Luke, however, in referring to the sign of Lot, speaks of it in connection with the revealing, or appearing, of the Lord. This is especially significant in view of the fact pointed out in "The Day Is At Hand," *DESTINY* for September 1952, that Luke does not mention the sign of the Son of man as such:

"Actually Luke does not ignore the phenomena described in Matthew's record as the Sign of the Son of man in heaven, but since the words set down by Luke are principally directed to the overcomers, the message is given in terms applicable to them alone. Through Luke the Lord tells the overcomers that when the signs have appeared in the heavens affecting the sun, moon and stars, followed by the initial stages of the shaking of the powers of heaven, the time for the redemption of their bodies will have come. He does not mention the Sign of the Son of man in heaven there as such, but, by its very omission, emphasizes its import to those who are to obtain the blessing of escaping the period of great trouble and distress that lies ahead.

"While the appearing of the Sign of the Son of man in heaven is to cause consternation among all peoples, to those who are to escape it will simultaneously signal the arrival of other phenomena of much more interest to them. Due to prior understanding because of their diligent search for knowledge in the Scriptures, the beginning of events that cause the world to be fearful of the future alerts the overcomers, who have been admonished many times to watch and pray, for the very next sign (the appearing of the Sign of the Son of man) is to produce the events for which they have been watching."

The Morning Star

The importance of Jesus' remarks through John in Revelation must not be overlooked:

"I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." (Rev. 22: 16.)

The morning star arises just before the break of day, so Jesus must have come forth from the grave at dawn. Does the account of the resurrection confirm this? If it does, it makes the sign of Lot that much more significant, particularly its chronological implications. In his account of the resurrection, Matthew states:

"In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn [therefore before sunrise] toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord

descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matt. 28: 1-6.)

The earthquake occurred at dawn just as these two were approaching the garden where the sepulchre was located and they felt the tremor as they approached the garden. This is made quite clear by Ferrar Fenton in his translation of these verses:

"After the Sabbaths, towards the dawn of the day following the Sabbaths, Mary, the Magdalene, and the other Mary, came to examine the tomb. And a violent earthquake was then felt; for an angel from the Lord, descending from heaven, approaching the stone, rolled it from the door, and sat upon it. His aspect resembled lightning, and his garments were white like snow; and in dread of him the guards trembled, and became as dead. The messenger, addressing the women, however, said, 'You need fear nothing; I know that you are looking for Jesus the crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He told you. Come, look at the place where the Lord lay!'"

Evidently Jesus had just come forth from the tomb, following the earthquake and the rolling away of the stone, and was in the garden, for as Ferrar Fenton translates it:

"In fear, mingled with intense delight, they accordingly took their departure with all speed from the tomb, and ran on to report to the disciples. But Jesus suddenly met them, saying, 'Good day to you!' and they, approaching Him, seized His feet, and paid Him homage. 'Fear not!' said Jesus to them; 'go on, and acquaint My friends; so that they may return to Galilee, where they shall see Me.'" (Matt. 28: 8-10.)

The Coming Resurrection

This gives rise to an intriguing twofold question. Is the sign of the Son of man to appear coincidentally with the rising of the morning star and will this herald the coming resurrection? It was at this hour of the morning when Lot left Sodom under the guidance of his angelic protectors. Also, in the 11th chapter of Revelation, the fourth step in the prophetic symbolism concerning the Two Witnesses is the summons which typifies their resurrection and ascension:

"And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them." (Rev. 11: 12.)

John was told that, after the ascension of the witnesses, the Second Woe ends and in that same hour there will be a great earthquake. Smith and Goodspeed translate this:

"At that moment there was a great earthquake, and one tenth of the city was destroyed. . . . The second woe is past. See! The third woe is soon to come." (Rev. 11: 13-14.)

Accounted Worthy

Because the Sign of the Son of man is to be sudden and without warning, and its appearing is closely associated with the redemption (*i.e.*, loosing away) of those who are counted worthy to escape because they are numbered among the overcomers, Luke emphasizes our Lord's admonition:

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass,

and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21: 36.)

It is worthwhile to recall here Abraham's part in the story of Lot. The record states:

"And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt." (Gen. 19: 29.)

Thus it was for Abraham's sake, because of his prayers in behalf of Lot, that Lot escaped the destruction of Sodom. The analogous meaning is plain, for there is One who intercedes with God in our behalf, even Jesus Christ, and it is only because of Him that anyone will be "accounted worthy" to escape the coming day of destruction. Paul declared:

"For God has not destined us for his wrath, but to gain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are still alive or fall asleep we may live with him." (I Thess. 5: 9-10, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

As pointed out in "The Day Is At Hand," *DESTINY* for September 1952:

"The Greek word *ḥōtēria*, translated 'salvation,' means 'safety.' Thus, Paul is stating here that God has not destined those who gain safety through Jesus Christ to endure the Great Day of His Wrath. But it is only those who are truly overcomers who can lay claim to this promise. Many Christians who should be numbered in this group will fall short of attaining this highest calling because they are preoccupied with the cares of this life. While they will have assurance of eternal life, they will miss the invitation received by those who go in with the Bridegroom to the Marriage Supper and, by so doing, escape the time of trouble that will try the very souls of men."

Watch!

The emphasis is on the admonition to "Watch," and since it is our particular concern to alert those who are wise, let us take note of further significant chronological indications which, in the light of prophecy, reveal the importance of the remaining hours of the night. In the book, *Day of Decision*,* it was shown that the Night of Darkness ending the age began with the Korean War on June 25, 1950 and extends to August 20, 1953. This is a period of a little over three years and it is divided into four watches of 288 days each. This is according to the scale of the New Testament Roman Watch.

The greater Night of the Ages, during which the age itself will come to a close, is the "Time of the End," beginning with 1821 A.D., the end of 6,000 lunar years from Adam, and closing in 2001 A.D., the end of 6,000 solar years from Adam. The Midnight Hour of this long night was 1911 A.D. on the scale of the Roman Watch, while the Midnight Hour of the shorter night was January 22, 1952.†

In *DESTINY* for March 1952, in the article, "Speakest Thou Unto Us or Even to All?" (pp. 83-90), the synchronization of the two nights was established, and the importance of the two remaining watches of the night, from January 22, 1952 to August 20, 1953, and from 1911 A.D. to 2001 A.D., was shown. Then in *DESTINY* for September 1952, in "The Day Is At Hand" (pp. 305-9), a further synchronization of time periods revealed the importance

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† See "Those Days Shall Be Shortened," Chapter V in *Day of Decision*, p. 75; also chart, p. 74.

of the last hour of the Third Watch and the three hours of the Fourth Watch of the night:

"Let it be restated that these 384 days, beginning with August 1, 1952 and ending with August 20, 1953, embrace the third hour of the Third Watch of the night and the three hours of the Fourth Watch of the night. This at first thought may seem to be an odd division of the Night of Darkness until it is realized — and this is very important in its bearing upon the events of this four-hour period — that the hours from August 1, 1952 to August 20, 1953 constitute the four hours of the ancient Israel Third or Morning Watch, beginning at 2 A.M. and ending with sunrise at 6 A.M. That this fact makes this period doubly significant to the wise cannot be overemphasized." (Page 309.)

The Ancient Israel Watch

Now we must deal with the ancient Israel Watch because we discover that it has an all-important bearing upon the chronological pattern we have been considering. The night was divided into three watches according to the Israel system prior to the Roman occupation of Palestine. *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia* states:

"The night was originally divided into three watches (Judges 7: 19), but later into four, as we find in the New Testament (Matt. 14: 25; Mark 6: 48). . . . The middle watch probably began two hours before midnight and ended two hours after. The fourfold division was according to the Roman system, each of which was a fourth part of the night."

Reckoning the night watches according to the Israel scale, the night began at 6 P.M., or sunset, and ended at 6 A.M., or sunrise. The three divisions of the night were known as the First Watch, the Middle Watch and the Morning Watch. The First Watch began at 6 P.M., but there has been some uncertainty as to its exact duration. If the three watches were of equal duration, this watch would end at 10 P.M. The Middle Watch would then be from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. The Morning Watch was identified with cockcrow time, or 2 A.M., and ended four hours later at 6 A.M. Again, the *International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia* states:

"The cock is several times mentioned in the New Testament and always with reference to its habit of crowing in eastern countries with such regularity as to be almost clocklike. The first full salute comes almost to a minute at half-past eleven, the second at half-past one, and the third at dawn [the commencement of the Morning Watch]. So uniform do the cocks keep time and proclaim these three periods of night that we find cockcrowing mentioned as a regular division of time."

The accompanying chart, titled "Chronological Chronograph," portrays the three divisions of the Old Testament Israel Watch and the four divisions of the New Testament Roman Watch, as well as the greater divisions of the Night of the Ages according to the Roman and Israel systems. These night periods may all be synchronized with one another, as shown on the chart.

Watch Within a Watch

It was pointed out in "The Day of Vengeance," *DESTINY* for October 1952 (p. 348), that chronologically we have a "day" within a "day" within a "day," as partly shown on the chart, "Observing the Time," *DESTINY* for September 1952, page 309. But as these chronological divisions also symbolize night periods, we have a "night" within a "night" within a "night" and a "watch" within a "watch" within a "watch", each with its respective Midnight Hour.

Because each hour contains sixty minutes regardless of the length of the time involved, all of these periods may be synchronized with one another. If the four remaining hours of the Night of Darkness ending the age, from August 1, 1952 to August 20, 1953 — which is the ancient Israel Third, or Morning, Watch — are treated chronologically as a night period, with February 9, 1953 as its Midnight Hour, these 384 days will synchronize with the other night periods as shown on the accompanying chart, with interesting results.

The minute hand on each of these scales indicates our respective positions in relation to the specific time period portrayed as of *January 1, 1953*. Thus, it will be seen that as of that date we were still in the Third Roman Watch in the period of the "Time of the End," but we were a little more than an hour past the beginning of the Fourth Roman Watch and were entering the third hour of the ancient Israel Morning Watch in the "Day of the Lord." At the same time we were approaching the end of the second hour of the Second Roman Watch of "That Great Day," with its Midnight Hour (February 9, 1953) still ahead of us.

Major events have taken place, marking the importance of the timing on each scale, and the problem each watcher faces is to discover on which scale the event for which he is daily alert will be revealed. This timing may not be positively identified until the event itself provides this information and thus all who are looking for His appearing must heed Paul's counsel in the 6th chapter of Ephesians, according to the Ferrar Fenton translation, "keeping watch in it with steady tenacity."

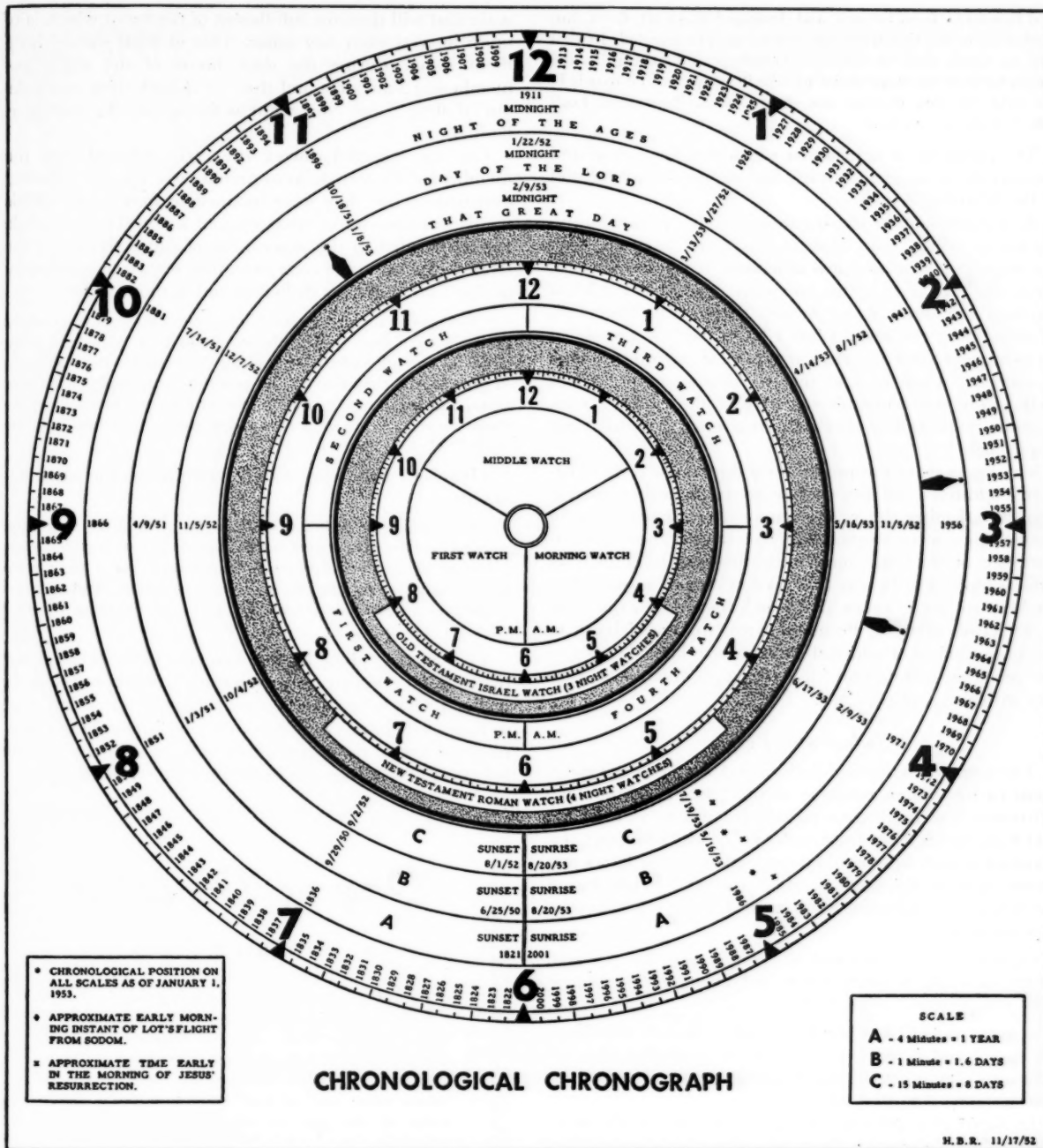
Exodus From Egypt

The importance of the days of Lot in their bearing upon these times has already been shown, and the chronological significance of the timing of his flight from Sodom an hour or so before sunrise or just before the end of the ancient Israel Morning Watch has now been called to the attention of the wise. Another significant fact is that it was during these same hours that the Egyptians pursued Israel and were troubled by the Lord. Moses declared:

"And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians." (Ex. 14: 24-25.)

Realization came to the Egyptians during that Morning Watch that the Lord fought for His people in order to complete their exodus from the economic bondage of Egypt. The ancient Israel Morning Watch on the short "night of darkness" of "That Great Day" begins April 14, 1953, and May 16, 1953, one hour later on this scale, is the beginning of the final hour in the Day of the Lord. The economic connotations for this period are vitally important. In "Speakest Thou Unto Us or Even to All?" (*DESTINY* for March 1952), it was stated:

"The Wall Street Crash came in 1929 and the corresponding date in the Day of the Lord is May 16, 1952 in the Third Watch. Having defined the corresponding date for the year 1929 in the Day of the Lord as May 16, 1952, let us synchronize this date with the year 1952 on the larger time scale, in which case we find that this gives us October 10-11, 1952. It has previously been



established that the year 1952 is 2520 years after the setting up of the gold standard by Nebuchadnezzar in 569 B.C.*

"But the entire Babylonian Empire did not come to its end until the night of Belshazzar's feast some 33 or 34 years after Nebuchadnezzar erected the image of gold on the Plain of Dura. The year 1986 A.D. is 34 years after 1952 and it is an important dating in the Great Pyramid and the beginning of the final hour of the Fourth Watch of the Night of the Ages. The day corresponding to this date on the shorter time scale of the Day of the Lord is May 16, 1953. Since we have already shown that May 16, 1952 corresponds to the year 1929, or the Wall Street Crash, the question naturally arises, Will the year from May 16, 1952 to May 16, 1953 be the day, on the prophetic scale of "a day for a

* See "It Is Harvest Time," DESTINY for May 1950, p. 174.

year," which is spoken of in Revelation as the time for Mighty Babylon to be given the cup of the fierceness of God's wrath? The account states:

"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." (Rev. 18:8.)" (Page 88.)

Burned with fire! After Lot left Sodom, and the atomic fires descended, of what value were any of the economic accumulations of the people of the cities of the plain? All — houses, possessions and every kind of wealth, including the vegetation — was completely consumed. Luke states:

"In the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire

and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife." (Luke 17: 29-32.)

The judgment of destruction was sealed for Sodom and Gomorrah the moment Lot left Sodom, just before the end of the Morning Watch.

As pointed out in the quotation from the previously-published article, both May 16, 1952 and May 16, 1953 are important chronological mileposts. It was on May 16, 1952, the beginning of this important year, that President Truman remarked at an Armed Forces Day Dinner in Washington, "For seven years I have had but one object — to prevent a third world war — and we are on the verge of success." Then he said that his defense program was well within the economic capacity of the country, concluding, "This talk of national bankruptcy is nothing but poppycock."

The forecasts of the prophets do not support Mr. Truman's optimism, for they declare no nation will escape the debacle affecting the world economy. Howbeit, men in public office often emphasize by their utterances the importance of the milestones indicating the fulfillment of Bible prophecies. It was therefore of special import that on May 16, 1952, a date that synchronizes with the Wall Street crash of 1929, President Truman should boast of the impossibility of national bankruptcy. That day began the year that will end on May 16, 1953, which synchronizes with the year 1986 A.D.

Sodom and Egypt

The specific mention of Sodom and Egypt in the statement in Revelation referring to the "death" of the Two Witnesses is of more than passing interest in view of the fact that, by his flight from Sodom, Lot was taken out of a generation sunk in spiritual depravity, and that Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage by the exodus during the hours of the Morning Watch (the Fourth Watch on the Roman scale):

"And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." (Rev. 11: 8.)

It was not until Lot was taken out of Sodom that disaster struck and it will not be until the witnesses, who are even now beginning to stand upon their feet, "ascend up into heaven" that disaster will follow.

In Revelation John speaks of the violence of the overthrow of the Babylonian economy, after which he describes the scene at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, where the announcement is made that Babylon the Great has been destroyed (Rev. 19: 2). This indicates that those present were not fully aware of the extent of the judgment that had overtaken the Babylonian economy, showing that their deliverance came as economic disaster began to manifest itself upon the earth but apparently before final judgment by destruction occurred.

High Time To Awake

While the Lord has allowed the knowledge of the various night periods to be revealed to the watchers, He has at the same time concealed from all the certainty as to the

scale that will time the fulfillment of the event which is of more interest than any other. This in itself should keep them awake during the dark hours of the night, remembering Paul's counsel that "it is high time to awake out of sleep," for "the night is far spent; the day is at hand."

Lot was engaged during the night admonishing the members of his household to prepare to escape the coming destruction, but they were inclined to make sport of his words in contempt of what he told them. Their attitude has its parallel in the description of the activities of the scoffers just as the age ends when they regard the testimony of the Two Witnesses as lifeless and without power:

"And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies [the symbolic Two Witnesses] three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth." (Rev. 11: 9-10.)

Therefore, they were totally unprepared for what followed:

"And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them." (Rev. 11: 11-12.)

The warning given by the watchers today is unheeded by the great majority, and even some who were previously inclined to believe have become skeptical, forgetting that, so long as there are watches of the night remaining unfilled on any of the scales which may be applied, it is the height of folly to become indifferent and careless.

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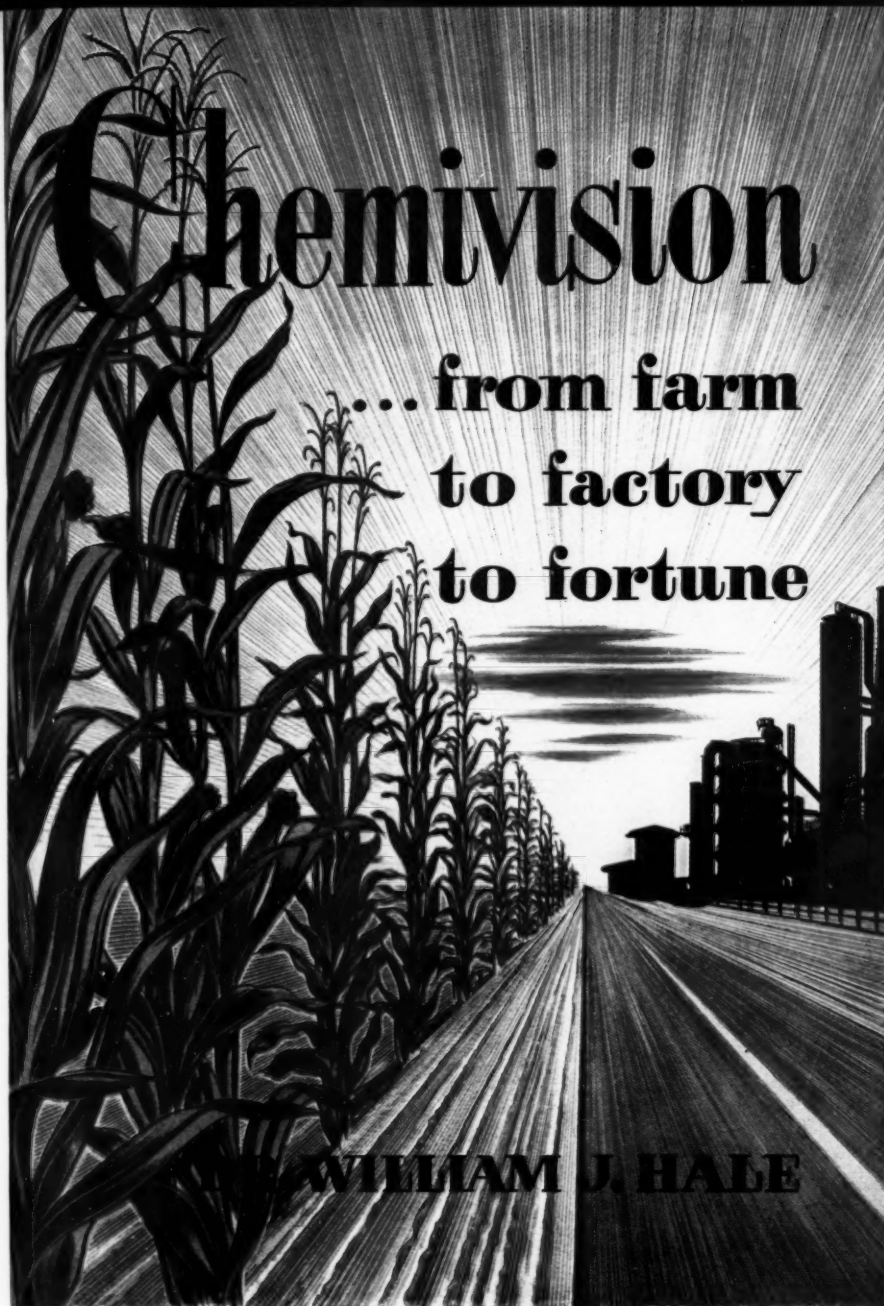
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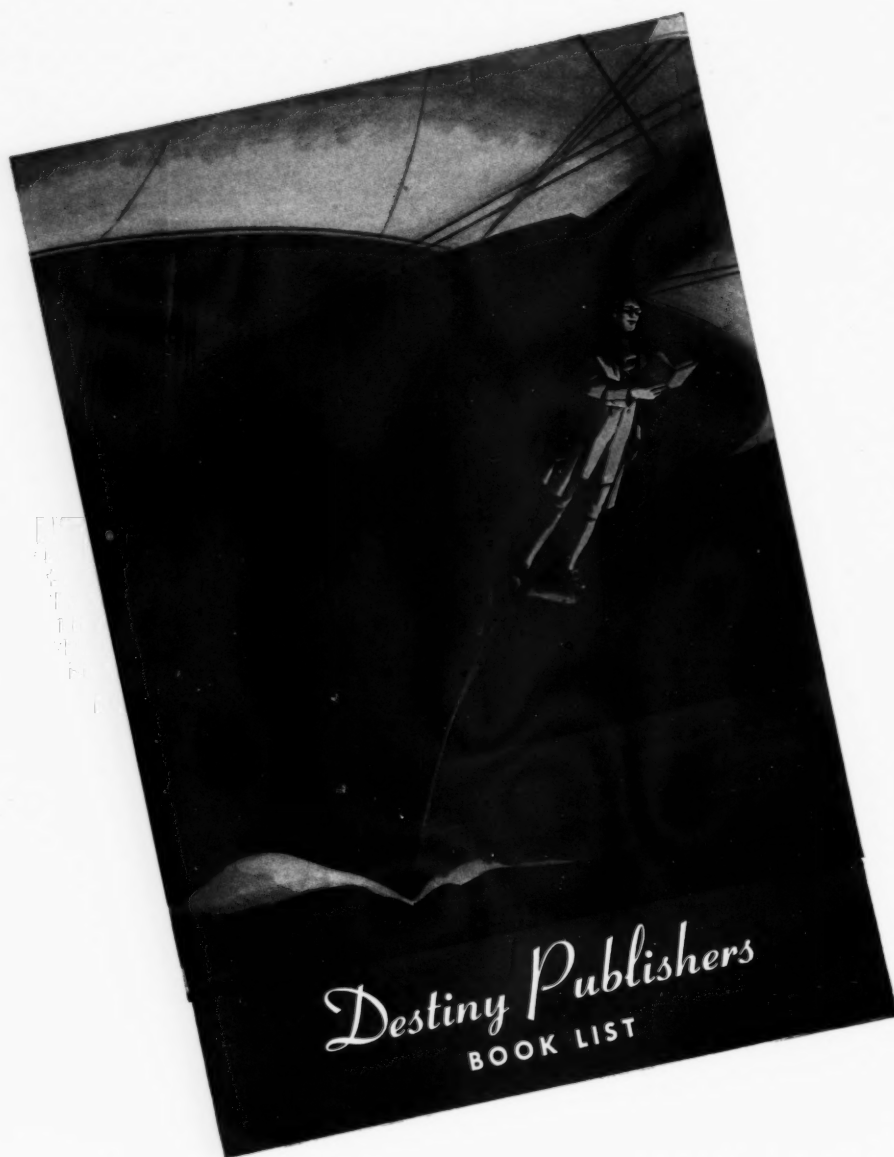
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